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COMMUNITY

Girls Night Out a roaring success



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Let's Go Girls - Girls Night Out was a roaring success at the Civic Center on Saturday. Hundreds of ladies came out to eat, drink, dance, and shop during this fundraiser which was sponsored by the Junior Service League (JSL). The theme of the event was Nashville, and almost everyone dressed up to celebrate the motif. Members of the JSL went all out decorating the Civic Center for this event, creating numerous fun props for photo opportunities, shopping niches, and food and beverage stands. Waiters in western attire circulated throughout the crowds while a live band entertained the dancers. This night was definitely the result of a lot of hard work. Brittany Greer, president of JSL, said, "This is the event I have dreamed about for Minden JSL for so long now. We have been looking for something that would be fun and raise lots of money for our scholarship. There were some hiccups. And some ways we already know we can improve. But it was amazing and we have gotten so much good feedback already."

The JSL also sends out a big thank you to everyone involved, including the sponsors, vendors, and attendees. "We were humbled by the amazing turnout and the patience as we got through our very first GNO," said Greer.

Proceeds from Girls Night Out and the accompanying online raffle will go toward a scholarship for a senior in Webster Parish. They are still calculating how much they raised, and the scholarship award winner will be announced at a later date.

CAR SHOW

Let the Good Times Roll: It's Time to Show and Shine

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The 14th Annual Show and Shine Car and Bike Show will be making its return this Saturday. "It's a family-oriented event. We'll have a lot of entertainment, a hula-hoop contest, a DJ and dance-off, and lots of food!" said Event Coordinator Larry

Gipson.

Hosted by the Vintage Car Club of Minden and sponsored by one of its biggest sponsors, the late Terry Gardner, the Show and Shine Car Show will be coming to Downtown Minden Sept. 3rd, and admission is free!

Registration is also free, and it will last from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. No reg-

istration is allowed after 11 am as that is when the judging is scheduled to begin.

"We are hoping that the City of Minden will come out and support us, as well as the surrounding areas, with their family and friends. We will also be featuring the 2nd Kid-die Car show that will be for age groups 3-9. It's for

battery operated vehicles only. Cars, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, or Jeeps.

Proceeds from the event will go towards Minden St. Jude, the American Cancer Society, the Pink Ribbon Foundation, UCAP, and the Sickie Cell Association.

For more information on entering the car show,

call Larry Gipson at 318-377-0907 or 318-347-9558. Those interested can also contact Antoinette Quarles at 318-707-5362 or Lakeyla Williams at 318-505-8922. Also, be sure to visit the club's website at www.vintage-mindencars.com.

EDUCATION

Webster Parish School District posts new guidelines for attending events

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School District has recently posted some new guidelines for all stadiums within the district. The intention is to promote a "safe and fan-friendly environment" They would like everyone to be aware of these changes before they arrive at a game because people will not be allowed to store prohibited items near the stadium entrances and all unattended items will be removed and discarded.

Items that will be prohibited at athletic stadiums are outside food and drinks; ice chests and coolers; umbrellas; laser pointers/lights; oversize bags, backpacks, and non-clear bags; pets or animals (excluding service animals); weapons of any kind including pocket knives or pocket tools such as Swiss Army knives.

All smoking or tobacco products are also prohibited. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco. In fact, these items are prohibited on all property belonging to the Webster Parish School District at all times.

Webster Parish School Board's "clear bag" policy will be in effect for all athletic venues. The intent is to speed up gate entries while enhancing safety. This means that you can only bring transparent bags through the gate. The clear bag can be no larger than 12" x 6"x 12", about the size of a reusable grocery tote. If you need to bring a purse, they will only be allowing non-clear clutches/wristlets that are 4.5" x 6.5" or smaller.

Seat cushions and medical items will still be allowed.

All bags will be subject to search, and metal detectors will be in use. Also, there will be no re-entry into the stadiums. You will be required to purchase another ticket if you leave and want to return.

With school safety being at the forefront of many people's minds, the school district has put these policies in place to promote a safer environment for everyone who wants to attend school events.

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WEBSTER & MORE

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana will receive \$25M federal grant to plug orphaned oil and gas wells

(The Center Square) — Louisiana will use a \$25 million grant to plug, cap and reclaim up to 900 orphaned oil and gas wells across the state in the first phase of a \$4.7 billion federal program included in last year’s infrastructure law.

Louisiana was among two dozen states awarded a total of \$560 million in grants from the Department of Interior on Thursday to plug, cap and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells, representing the first payments from \$1.15 billion in phase one funding.

Louisiana is expected to use the funding to plug between 250 and 900 documented wells near low-income communities, where the state hopes to use displaced energy workers from disadvantaged communities to do the work.

The intent of the program is to clean up the well sites while creating jobs, according to the DOI.

“We’re particularly excited about these investments because they will

be job creators,” Winnie Stachelberg, infrastructure coordinator at Interior, told The Associated Press. “In addition to creating immediate jobs addressing the pollution, these investments will build a foundation for future job growth once sites are cleaned up.”

Louisiana’s funds will also go towards developing procedures to measure and track ground and surface water contamination and for equipment to measure methane, which will be used to locate additional wells that need to be plugged.

“The state will also contract for an academic study of methane emissions from Louisiana’s oil and gas wells to assist in predicting those wells most likely to leak methane,” according to a DOI release.

In Louisiana’s notice of intent to apply for the grant, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources identified 4,605 orphaned wells in need of remediation at an estimated cost of \$401.7 million. The document states

Louisiana lost 12,256 jobs in the oil and gas industry between March 1, 2020 and November 15, 2021, a 23.42% dip.

A 2021 survey of idle and orphaned oil and gas wells conducted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission showed Louisiana has plugged 3,450 orphaned wells since it launched its state program in 1993, including 219 in 2018, one in 2019 and 135 in 2020.

The total cost of plugging the 135 wells in 2020 was \$5.9 million, or about \$44,000 each, including restoration, according to the report.

DOI officials contend methane leaking from unplugged wells is a serious safety hazard and significant cause of climate change, citing statistics that claim the gas is 25 times more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide.

States eligible for the grants have identified over 10,000 high-priority well sites across the country that are ready for immediate remediation

efforts, with more in the queue. States have so far identified a total of more than 129,000 orphaned wells on state and private lands, though that figure is expected to increase with research funded by the federal government.

The first phase funding announced Thursday includes \$25 million Initial State Grants for 22 states, and two grants of \$5 million each to support methane measurement and plugging wells in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Of the two dozen states that received initial grants, 15 will measure methane capacity, six will measure methane before and immediately after remediation, a dozen prioritized capping wells in disadvantaged communities, and several states including Louisiana will prioritize job creation and small business in the contracting process.

The new funding is in addition to \$33 million recently allocated to plug 277 wells on federal public lands, the DOI reports.

BLOTTER

Recent arrest in Webster Parish	court.
Anny Allen, 61, of the 400 block of Winford Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Christopher Spencer, 56, of the 100 block of Chandler Street, was arrested for simple battery and cruelty to a juvenile.

Ronda Higgins, 55, of the 600 block of Midland Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated 2nd offense, driving with an open container, and improper lane usage.	Kaneshia Edmond, 34, of the 400 block of South Street, was arrested for child desertion.
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Charles Morris, 47, of the 100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.	James Oliver Jr., 61, of the 800 block of Arkansas Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense and improper lane usage.
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Shelly Dance, 41, of Robinson trailer Park, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.	Nathan Hammett, 43, of the 7000 block of highway 154, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
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Shameka Moore, 37, of the 1200 block of Bayou Avenue, was arrested on multiple warrants.	Whitney Floyd, 43, of the 400 block of East Rodd Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving under suspension, and crossing the center line.
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Mariah Bullock, 40, of the 300 block of Lee Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of Winn Parish Sheriff’s Office.	Danielle Bailey, 27, of King Street, was arrested on a warrant.
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George Puffer, 55, was arrested for felony theft, multiple warrants, and failure to appear in	Michael McEachern, 48, of Methodist Camp Loop, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance.
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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana students ranked mid-pack nationally in study on student loan debt

(The Center Square) — Louisiana students rank in the middle of the pack nationally in a new study on student debt released Wednesday.

The personal finance website WalletHub analyzed student loan indebtedness and grant and student work opportunities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia using 11 metrics graded on a 100-point scale.

For student indebtedness, which comprised 85% of the total points, researchers looked at average student debt, proportion of students with debt, student debt as a share of income, students with past-due or defaulted loans and share of federal student loan borrowers enrolled in an income-driven repayment plan.

The remaining 15 points for grant and student work opportunities centered on the unemployment rate among those aged 25 to 34, the underemployment rate, availability of student

jobs, paid internships, grant growth and whether states have a student loan ombudsman law.

The results show Louisiana ranked 25th overall with 47.42 points. The Pelican State came in 31st nationally for student loan indebtedness and third for grant and student work opportunities.

Those figures are much better than neighboring Mississippi’s fifth place ranking, but slightly worse than neighboring Arkansas and Texas, which ranked 29th and 28th, respectively.

West Virginia, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, New Hampshire and Mississippi comprised the top five states for student debt in the analysis overall, while New Mexico, Washington, California, the District of Columbia and Utah fared the best.

New Hampshire topped the list with the highest average student debt, followed by Delaware, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The lowest average student debt was in Utah, followed by New Mexico, California, Nevada and Wyoming.

Utah’s average student debt of \$18,344 was 2.2 times lower than New Hampshire’s average of \$39,928.

Utah also had the lowest proportion of students with debt at 39%, which is nearly two times lower than South Dakota, the state with the highest at 73 percent.

Lucia Dunn, professor emerita at Ohio State University, explained how students can evaluate whether student debt will ultimately pay off.

“A big problem today is that students take on amounts of debt that cannot be readily supported by the earnings in the field they major in. If a particular field has expected earnings that can allow for student loan repayment and still provide a ‘normal’ living standard, then it makes sense to take out the loan and get

the degree in that field,” she said. “If a major does not pass this test, then a student may want to consider other options.”

U.S. Department of Education data cited by WalletHub shows that through the first quarter of 2022 total outstanding college-loan balances stood at nearly \$1.6 trillion, or about \$37,000 for each of the nation’s 43.4 million borrowers.

The WalletHub analysis comes as President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced plans to grant \$10,000 in student loan forgiveness for millions of borrowers who qualify. The plan would forgive \$20,000 in debt for students who went to college on Pell Grants.

Biden posted to Twitter that the forgiveness would apply to those earning less than \$125,000 a year and would include a student loan pause extended “one final time” through December 31, 2022.

INDUSTRY

56% of companies dropping COVID-19 vaccine mandates to retain talent, grow workforce

(The Center Square) – According to Price Waterhouse Coopers 2022 Pulse survey, business leaders are implementing a range of measures to retain talent and grow their workforce, including dropping COVID-19 vaccine mandates as a condition of in-person employment.

According to the survey, 56% of companies said they were dropping COVID-19 vaccine mandates for on-site work. The survey findings, published Aug. 18, came after vaccine mandates continue to be challenged and overturned in courts and after it remains questionable that the COVID-19 vaccines were effective in pre-

venting the spread of the coronavirus.

While inflation and high costs are posing challenges, the report found that 83% of businesses are focusing their strategy on growth, more than any other objective listed. Only 30% said they believe a recession is a serious risk to their business operations.

The report found that nearly two-thirds of businesses, 63%, have changed or are planning to change their policies to address labor shortages, up from 56% in January 2022.

“Ironically, as businesses pivot even more toward automation, it’s critical to find employees with the

right combination of deep functional knowledge and technology know-how,” the report states. “Without the right talent, automations can fail to deliver on promised efficiencies and increase operational risk.”

In an effort to balance talent retention and acquisition in a changing labor market, 70% said they were expanding permanent remote work options; 64% said they were increasing compensation for existing employees; 63% said they were changing processes to address labor shortages; 62% said they were expanding mental health benefits; 61% said they were requiring employees to be physi-

cally on-site more often.

While finding the right talent continues to be a challenge for businesses, those surveyed also took proactive steps to streamline their workforce: 50% said they reduced their overall headcount; 46% said they dropped or were reducing signing bonuses; 44% rescinded job offers.

The analysis found that depending on the type of industry, companies are taking different approaches to address labor shortages. The healthcare industry, for example, is focused on rehiring employees who recently left or were forced to leave over vaccine mandates. Whereas, the consumer

markets, technology, media and telecommunications companies are investing in automation.

One key finding was that 22% of companies said they were scaling back on their investment in real estate. Declining interest in real estate is likely a response to hybrid and remote work, the report suggests. The majority, 70%, have either expanded or have plans to expand permanent remote work options, with 42% having already implemented such measures, up from 30% in its January Pulse survey.

Only 31% of respondents said they plan to increase their investment in real estate, with financial

services and health industries doing so the most by 30% and 29%, respectively.

Roughly 15% of respondents said they would decrease their investment in facilities and general capex over the next 12 months. With less people physically working in offices, they found they can significantly downscale their physical footprint. Instead, they are investing in other areas to expand their growth: 53% are increasing investments in digital transformation, 52% in IT, 49% in cybersecurity and privacy, 48% in investment in customer experience, and 40% in research and development.

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OBITUARIES



Roger “Doley” Harper

Roger “Doley” Harper, the “Gunny’s, earthly birth was on December 17, 1939, to Bishop and Bessie Ward Harper, in Doyline, La. His heavenly reunion was on August 19, 2022.

Jesus extended His hand to a boy of 4yrs of age and said “Come”, and that boy came and followed and walked with Jesus.

Roger served his country faithfully as a Gysgt in the USMC for 20 yrs; he served his family later, as an insurance broker for 20 yrs and he served his Lord and Savior from the day he accepted the call, all the days of his life.

Many who met him, became sons and daughters, while still others, brothers and sisters in Christ. His life was an never ending love story about his Friend, Jesus,

Jesus, Jesus.
He is preceded in death by his parents, Bishop and Bessie Harper and brothers, Rochester Harper and Luevester Harper.

He is survived by his wife Janice; daughters, Mia Edwards (Mark) and LoRotha Guillory; grandchildren, Andrew Singleton (Elizabeth) and Alexa Singleton and great granddaughter, Alevia Singleton. He is survived by his in-laws, Roberta Harper, Keith Dayton (Rosylin), Cheryl Jackson (Walter), Sylvia Jones (Anthony), Renee’ Dayton and Raynie Dayton. These are but a few of many nephews, nieces, cousins and of course friends, who were blessed in having known him.

Roger “Doley” Harper, was truly a man after God’s own heart.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 2, 2022, from 10:00 until 5:00 pm at Benevolent Funeral Home in Minden, La. Funeral services will be Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church, Minden. Burial will follow at Jenkins Community Cemetery in Doyline, La. Officiating the services will be Pastor Leland Crawford.



Allie Loree Rachal Clemons

Allie Loree Rachal Clemons, 84, passed away August 26, 2022, after a lengthy illness. Loree as she was known enjoyed the simple things in life as she grew older. She enjoyed working with flowers, feeding and watching birds. Even when confined to a bed she had bird feeders placed outside her window where she could watch. She operated a home daycare for over 30 years, countless young adults can recall their early childhood days at Mawmaw’s.

A 1956 graduate of Natchitoches, LA, she is preceded in death by her parents, Wilmer and Allie Rachal, husband, John Wesley (J.W.) Clemons, Jr, and son J. Shane Clemons, sisters, Wilma Jean Harrell, Luella Vercher, Molly Stewart, and brother Henry A. Rachal.

She is survived by daughters, Jennifer C. Day (Rick), Janette C. Dollar (Rod), son Jeffrey E. Clemons, and grandchildren, Nicole Cox (Van), Garrett Day (Britta-

ny), Haley Perryman (Stan), Pepper Dollar, and Hunter Clemons (Emily), brother-in-law, Buddy Clemons (Marjorie), great-grandchildren, Karlie, Stance, Tanner, Marley Kate, Lexie, Landry, Hayden, and one on the way, and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Fincher Road in Minden, LA on Tuesday August 30, 2022. Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m., visitation at 10:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, LA.

Pallbearers will be Rick Day, Garrett Day, Van Cox, Hunter Clemons, Stan Perryman, and Kerry Ellington. Honorary pallbearers will be Rod Dollar, Dan Rachal, Rodney Vercher, Michael Vercher, Charles Clemons, and the many children she had a hand in raising.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St Paul Catholic Church or a charity of donor’s choice.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Passages Hospice, Jessi McCain, Jasmine Howard, and Melba. Also, our caregivers for their dedicated care and love, Ina Warren, Stephanie Thomas, and Bashie Bilton. Rose-Neath Funeral Home 211 Murrell Street Minden, Louisiana 71055 (318) 377-3412



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GAS BUDDY

Gas continues to fall in Louisiana

August 29, 2022 - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have fallen 5.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.36/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 46.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 55.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 7.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.04 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.93/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.39/g, a

difference of \$1.46/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.93/g while the highest was \$4.39/g, a difference of \$1.46/g.
The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.81/g today. The national average is down 39.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 69.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.
“The national average has declined for an-

other week, extending the slide for the eleventh straight week. Gas prices are now \$1.20 per gallon lower than mid-June with Americans spending \$450 million less on gasoline every day as a result,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Some issues have developed that we’re keeping a close eye on, including the shut down of the largest refinery in the Midwest. While that refinery may get back online sooner rather than later, it’s not impossible that down the road the situation could impact prices in the region. For the rest of the country, however, we’ll continue

to see prices moderate. This is of course subject to hurricane season, and it does appear that the tropics are starting to see some activity, so there’s no guarantee the decline will continue.”
GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. 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. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

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OTHER OPINION

Biden’s student loan plan an affront to hard-working Americans

JUSTIN OWEN
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

President Joe Biden recently announced his plan to cancel up to \$10,000 in student loans for anyone making under \$125,000 a year or \$250,000 per couple. This is an affront to hard-working Americans, many of whom will be paying for decisions they didn't make for people who make more money than them.

Two-thirds of workers in my home state of Tennessee do not have a college degree. Thus, the majority of Tennesseans will be forced to bail out those who will benefit from Biden's plan. And it's not as if they made poor decisions not to attend college and rack up tons of debt. More and more data suggests that there is a shortage of workers in various trades - from welders to pipefitters to electricians to plumbers. Many of these jobs pay very well, even more than some jobs that require a four-year degree. And in most cases, workers can enter these trades with little to no formal educational training, meaning less student loan debt.

On the flip side, many college degrees cost well into the six-figures in tuition yet fail to pay off for those obtaining those degrees when they enter the real world. In fact, the Beacon Center will soon release a study analyzing the return on investment of degrees offered by Tennessee universities when it comes to securing well-paying jobs. For many degrees, the result is not pretty.

This doesn't come as a surprise to those actually hiring workers. In my job, I spend quite a bit of time talking to



(OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY ADAM SCHULTZ)
President Joe Biden delivers remarks at a Memorial Day breakfast Monday, May 30, 2022, in the East Room of the White House.

employers about their challenges. Almost uniformly, they complain about a lack of alignment between the types of degrees offered by colleges and the training they need workers to have. Employers are often forced to retrain college-educated employees to fit their needs. That means those workers are racking up massive student loan debt for a degree that is virtually useless in their actual career.

This is what makes the Biden handout even more egregious. It's deadweight loss and will do nothing to help those saddled with student loan debt obtain higher pay and better job prospects. All it will do is drive up

inflation even further, as if it's not bad enough already.

More importantly, forcing one group of people to pay for the decisions they didn't make is morally repugnant. If someone focused their time and money obtaining a degree, certification, or training for a job without taking on mountains of debt, they should not be punished for their frugality. We should reward, not penalize, good decision-making like this.

Finally, even if it wasn't unfair and inflation-inducing, many legal scholars argue that the president doesn't have this authority to begin with. Even Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said he doesn't. As bad an idea as it

is, any authority to wipe away student loan debt rests in the hands of Congress, not the president. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has started to rein in executive authority in recent rulings, don't be surprised if this too is challenged in court. As I've written here before, this would be a cause for celebration for those tired of a bloated federal bureaucracy.

Biden's plan is reckless. It's government overreach at its worst, it's bad for our economy, and it's just plain wrong.

JUSTIN OWEN IS PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE BEACON CENTER OF TENNESSEE, THE STATE'S PREMIER FREE MARKET THINK TANK.

OPINION

Without Thomas Edison where would we be?

If Thomas Edison hadn't been kicked out of school, after only three months in the first grade, and his mother taught him at home because his teacher said "he was addled and his mind wandered in class," we might not have the light bulb today.

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

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

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

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

It also took Colonel Sanders one thousand times before

he sold his chicken recipe. He slept in his car, while traveling across the country, trying to sell his recipe that continues



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to make a fortune. It took Sam Walton to perfect the multi-purpose store, known as Wal-Mart, to not only make his family wealthy but to increase competition between businesses.

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

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

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

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

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

We were not all created the same. None of us are alike nor should we want to be. God made no duplicates -- no two snow flakes are alike.

God must have liked variety. How could anyone not believe in God? I find it much easier to believe in the One who made me, who causes the blood to flow through my veins and who created me to breathe

without even thinking about it than to believe in atheism.

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

If we could only understand and appreciate each other a little more we would know that it is only in our uniqueness that we celebrate our finest hours!!

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

I am thankful for this "peace that passes understanding."

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OPINION

Wall Street Journal: Mitch McConnell to the rescue?

The biggest campaign story last week wasn't Mitch McConnell's warning that Republicans might not retake the Senate in November. That's been clear since the party nominated so many candidates whose main advantage was support from Donald Trump. The big story was that those candidates are now calling on Mr. McConnell to come to their rescue.

Exhibit A is Ohio, where the Super Pac allied with Mr. McConnell, the Senate Leadership Fund, is committing \$28 million to save GOP nominee J.D. Vance. The "Hillbilly Elegy" author won the primary in a divided field after Mr. Trump endorsed him. But Mr. Vance has struggled to raise money from the GOP donor network he disdained as he courted the populist right. That worked in the primary, but it may not be enough to win in November.

Ohio should be a layup for

the GOP this year. The Senate seat is currently held by Rob Portman, who is retiring after two terms. The state has been trending right and Mr. Trump carried it by eight points. But Democrat Tim Ryan, a Member of the House, is portraying himself as a moderate despite a liberal voting record and has out-raised the Republican. Thus Mr. Vance's S.O.S. to Mr. McConnell.

There's no little irony in this appeal since Mr. Vance criticized Senate GOP leaders as he ran in the primary. In a podcast last September, Mr. Vance said he had "no idea who should be the majority leader of the Senate."

But he added that "I think that McConnell has clearly shown that he's sometimes a little out of touch with where the base is. ... I think that it's time that we moved beyond the very old leadership class that's

dominated the Republican Party for a long time. And I think, it's just, we've got to do it. We've got to bring some new blood in. We've got to get people that the base is actually excited about." Apparently the "very old leadership class" has its uses when the "new blood" needs money.

Blake Masters, another Trump-backed nominee, is also counting on Mr. McConnell to save his campaign. "I think (Mr. McConnell will) come in and spend. Arizona's gonna be competitive. It's gonna be a close race, and I hope he does come in," Mr. Masters told the Associated Press last week. Trailing Sen. Mark Kelly in the polls, Mr. Masters needs the Minority Leader's help.

During the GOP primary, Mr. Masters called for Mr. McConnell to be replaced as leader. "I'll tell Mitch this to his face," Mr. Masters said during a GOP primary debate in June. "He's

not bad at everything. He's good at judges. He's good at blocking Democrats. You know what he's not good at? Legislating."

These better-call-Mitch appeals are happening at the same time Mr. Trump's allies are attacking Mr. McConnell for telling the truth last week about GOP Senate prospects this year. The Minority Leader mentioned "candidate quality" as a factor in Senate campaigns, which is also true. Only the willfully blind can look at several of the Trump-endorsed nominees this year and claim they were the strongest candidates in the general election.

Arizona is a good example. Mr. Trump vowed to defeat the popular two-term GOP Gov. Doug Ducey if he ran for Senate because Mr. Ducey wouldn't work to overturn Mr. Trump's 2020 defeat in the state. Mr. Trump also trashed the capable Attorney General, Mark

Brnovich, who ran and lost. The former President backed Mr. Masters, a political novice supported by financier Peter Thiel. But Mr. Trump's support may hurt more than help in the general election, and he has been reluctant to share his financial campaign wealth with others.

Mr. Trump has shown he can help candidates win primaries with a plurality of the vote in a crowded field. What he hasn't shown is that he can lift them to victory against Democrats in states that aren't solidly Republican. He proved the opposite with his sabotage of the two GOP candidates in the January 2021 special elections in Georgia that cost Republicans control of the Senate.

That's why the candidates he favors are now desperately seeking the help of Mr. McConnell, the leader Mr. Trump wants to replace.

SPORTS

Parish prep teams play in jamboree games

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Minden Press-Herald

Three Webster Parish high school football teams played Friday night in the Pineland Jamboree, which was moved from North Webster to Lakeside because of the heavy rains that drenched the area last week.

Lakeside has installed new artificial turf, which handled the soggy conditions better than the natural grass at North Webster could have.

It was a case of mixed results for the Crimson Tide as Monden edged past Haynesville, 14-13, in the Pineland Jamboree before falling in Game 2 to Homer by the score of 27-14.

Now the Crimson Tide turns its attention toward the season opener - Minden will open its 2022 campaign on the road at it plays at Parkway at 7 p.m. Thursday.

North Webster also split its jamboree games, falling to Homer 16-12 before defeating Lakeside 12-0.

Cooper Sanders scored a pair of rushing touchdowns for the Knights against Homer, but the Pelicans scored in the final 32 seconds of that jamboree

to escape with the win.

Sanders finished the night with four scores after added two more touchdowns on runs of two- and around 60-yards against Lakeside.

Lakeside quarterback Cooper Chase guided the Warriors on a couple of long drives, but turnovers prevented the Warriors from getting on the scoreboard.

North Webster will open regular season play on Friday night at Haynesville.

Lakeside did manage to score in its first jamboree game, a 13-6 loss to Haynesville.

Chase hit Josh Sebold on a 43-yard scoring strike with 4:27 remaining to account for that touchdown.

Lakeside will open the regular season on Friday night at Arcadia.

Glenbrook took a page from its surprising season last year by remaining in “giant-killer” mode as the Apaches defeated Ferriday 20-0 in the CENLA Jamboree at Menard High School in Alexandria.

The Apaches will open regular-season play on Thursday by playing host to Cedar Creek.



North Webster's Cooper Sanders scored two touchdowns in jamboree action on Friday night at Lakeside/.

Pineland Jamboree


Game 1 Minden 14, Haynesville 13

Game 2 Homer 27, Minden 14

Game 3 Haynesville 13, Lakeside 6

Game 4 Homer 16, North Webster 12

Game 5 North Webster 12, Lakeside 9



Glenbrook @ CENLA Jamboree

Glenbrook 20, Ferriday 0

Tech soccer team blanks Abilene Christian, draws with ULL

Minden Press-Herald

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech soccer broke a scoreless tie in the 69th minute to defeat Abilene Christian 1-0 inside Robert Mack Caruthers Field Friday night.

In another humid, rainy home match, LA Tech (2-1-0) and Abilene Christian (1-2-0) played to a stalemate through 45 minutes of action with the two sides combining for only three shots on goal.

“Today was so important for the soul and the heart of this team,” said Tech coach Steve Volz. “It took a couple of days to get over a disappointing loss last weekend and dealing with the loss of a teammate to injury. We have had so many chances to make excuses and say things are going our way with injuries and weather but that’s not what they want to do.

‘We can show who we are and what we are made of. We are still figuring some

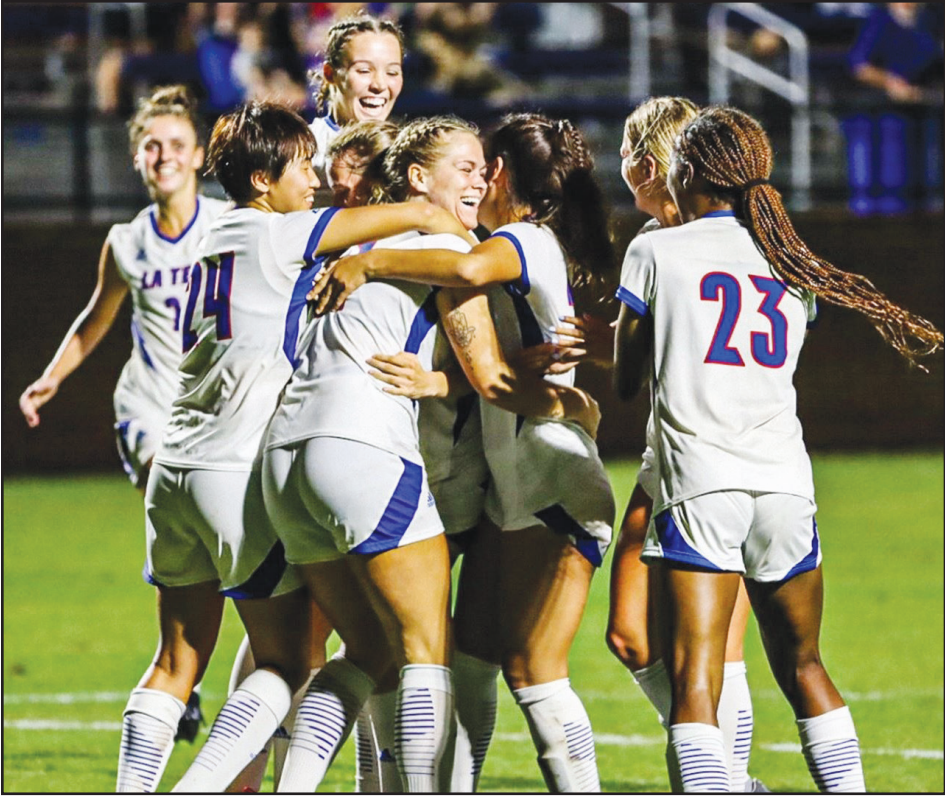


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The Louisiana Tech soccer team is pictured celebrating its win over Abilene Christian on Friday night at the Lady Techster Soccer Complex.

things out after a couple of games.”

Midway through the second half, Tech began to seize some momentum and the chances started to pile up.

In the 68th minute, Alma Cedefors subbed into the game. Just a minute later, a throw-

in from Tech deep in Abilene Christian’s territory, Riley Bonadie worked the ball deeper into the Wildcat’s zone.

Bonadie found Caitlin Le Roux for a cross into the box which found the head of Cedefors who put the ball in the back of the

net.

From there, Tech took control of the match creating more chances out shooting ACU 9-2 in the second half, and controlled possession over the final 20 minutes to complete the 1-0 victory.

Sydnee Korchak earned the clean sheet

in goal for the Techsters picking up her second win of the season and notching four saves in her full 90 minutes of action.

- Louisiana Tech soccer wrapped up a four-game home stand to open the 2022 season with a 0-0 scoreless draw against UL-Lafayette inside The Mack Sunday afternoon.

LA Tech’s (2-1-1) best scoring chance of the match came just before half time off the foot of Kalli Matlock when she sent a shot from beyond the box that hit the middle of the crossbar.

Two rebound chances from Alma Cedefors and Jordan Porter were both blocked.

UL-Lafayette (1-0-2) held a slight advantage in chances at the half, producing five shots to Tech’s three.

Early in the second half, the Ragin’ Cajuns dialed up the pressure earning seven corner chances and led 8-2 over Tech in shots in the final 45 minutes, but sophomore

goalkeeper Sydnee Korchak handled every situation with the poise of a veteran.

Korchak finished the match with seven saves, one shy of her career-best, and earned her second clean sheet in as many matches. In her three starts this season, Korchak has a 2-0-1 record with 13 saves and has allowed only one goal with a .929 save percentage.

LA Tech finished the opening month with a 2-1-1 record, picking up wins over Murray State and Abilene Christian.

The shorthanded squad has endured a rash of injuries this season and has yet to see their all-conference defender Josie Studer take the field. Studer entered the season after being named second-team All-Conference USA and an All-Louisiana honorable mention in 2021 and is the active team leader in games played (52), games started (45), and minutes played (4,045).

Lady Techster volleyball falls on road at Clemson

Minden Press-Herald

CLEMSON, S.C. – Despite a double-double from outside hitter Andrea Spasojevic, the Louisiana Tech volleyball team fell to host Clemson by a final score of 3-0 on Saturday at the Big Orange Bash inside Jervey Gym.

Spasojevic was part of an attacking unit that produced a higher hitting percentage than Clemson (2-0) through

the first two sets, but LA Tech (1-2) could not turn that into set wins.

Tech was hanging close in the first set, down 12-16, before the Tigers strung together a four-point scoring run to help secure a 1-0 advantage (25-19).

The second set was a dogfight though with 13 ties and six lead changes. Up 19-17, Clemson won five straight points to grab hold of the set. However, LA Tech countered

by winning four of the next five points to tie things up at 23-23.

After a service error from the visiting team, Spasojevic fought off set point to even it up again at 24-24, but the Tigers got back-to-back points to take a 2-0 lead.

The third set was tight midway through, but a pair of scoring runs by Clemson put it out of reach winning 3-0 (25-19, 26-24, 25-14).

Ashley Taylor

notched eight kills as LA Tech ended up recording a .157 hitting percentage. Defensively, the squad a 7-5 block advantage while McKenzie Johnson notched a team-best 12 digs.

- The Louisiana Tech volleyball team got its 2022 season underway on Friday, falling 3-1 to Austin Peay before bouncing back to defeat Presbyterian 3-1 on day one of the Big Orange Bash at Jervey Gym.

After trailing by seven in the first set of the opening match, LA Tech (1-1) put together a 6-0 scoring run to get to within one. However, Austin Peay (1-0) responded by winning seven of the last 10 points to take the set, 25-20.

The Governors managed a one-point lead again at 21-20 in the second set. However, this time it was the Lady Techsters who closed it out by claim-

ing five of the last six points (including three kills by outside hitter Chard’e Vanzandt).

LA Tech never gained the lead in set three though as Austin Peay took a 2-1 advantage with a 25-18 win.

The Lady Techsters had the upper hand in the fourth set at 13-11, but the Governors countered with a massive 10-0 run to claim the 3-1 win over Tech (25-20, 22-25, 25-18, 25-17).

SPORTS

GSU soccers falls to Abilene Christian, ULM

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — The Grambling State University women's soccer team suffered a 3-0 defeat to Abilene Christian on Sunday afternoon at the GSU Soccer Complex.

Abilene Christian jumped on top of Grambling State 1-0 in the 41st minute on a free kick by Ellen Joss. The Wildcats carried that lead into half-time.

ACU pushed its lead to 2-0 within the first minute of the second half on a goal from Caylen Wright.

Abilene Christian stretched its lead to 3-0 with another goal in the 52nd minute.

GSU was able to pressure the the Wildcats' goalkeeper in the second half, putting multiple shots on net. In the 68th minute, it looked as if the Lady Tigers had avoided the shutout with a goal by Beatriz Kretteis, but an offside call negated the score.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

- Abilene Christian held an 14-8 advantage on shots
- Both teams put five shots on goal
- GSU goalkeeper Madison Covey-Taylor played all 90 minutes, making two saves
- Grambling State committed 10 fouls
- ACU registered eight fouls

• The Wildcats held a 7-1 advantage on corner kicks

• MONROE —On a soggy night in North Louisiana, the Grambling State University women's soccer team put up a valiant effort against Louisiana-Monroe, falling 3-2 at Brown Stadium on Friday.

In the first half, both teams toughed out a downpour, battling to a scoreless tie going into the locker room.

Grambling State (2-1) played aggressive defense, thwarting every scoring opportunity Louisiana-Monroe (2-0) had. The Lady Tigers, however, picked up three yellow cards in the first 30 minutes of the contest,

ULM nearly jumped on the scoreboard in the opening frame, when Eve Blakely missed a shot off the top of the crossbar in the 19th minute

GSU was outshot 7-2 in the first half.

The War Hawks pushed ahead 1-0 in the 51st minute with a goal from Ashley Washburn.

ULM tacked on another goal in the 54th minute on a penalty kick by Lena Goppel.

The Lady Tigers responded in the 59th minute when Beatriz Kretteis found the back of the net off an assist from Nia Harley, trimming ULM's lead to 2-1.



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Grambling's MaKenzie Rastatter prepares to fire a shot on goal Sunday against Abilene Christian.

Trailing 3-1 in the 76th minute, Samantha Diaz scored a long-range goal on free kick from roughly 25 yards out to cut ULM's lead to one.

The Lady Tigers couldn't get any closer, falling 3-2.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

- ULM held an 16-5 advantage on shots
- The War Hawks put 11

shots on frame. The Lady Tigers put four on goal

• GSU goalkeeper Madison Covey-Taylor played all 90 minutes, making eight saves.

• Grambling State committed 11 fouls

• ULM registered 12 fouls

ULM held a 4-0 advantage on corner kicks

Grambling volleyball roars back to shock Salukis

Press-Herald Sports Service

CARBONDALE, Ill. — The Grambling State University volleyball team dropped the opening set against Southern Illinois, but responded with a thunderous boom by taking the following three sets to give head coach Paige Phillips her first collegiate victory with a 3-1 win to close out play on Saturday afternoon in the Saluki Bash at the Banterra Center.

In their first-ever meeting between the two schools, Southern Illinois (0-2) took the opening set, 25-15. However, Grambling State (1-1) battled back and tied the match at 1 with a 25-18 in the second set. The Lady Tigers held off the surging Salukis in the third set, 25-23, before closing the match with a 25-18 win in the fourth set.

HOW IT HAPPENED First Set

Grambling State raced out to a 10-7 advantage, with kills by Hillary English, Haley Gomez and Jayden James, along with a service ace by Zyonn Smith

Southern Illinois battled back, using a 13-3 run, to grab a 20-13 lead



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The Grambling State volleyball team went into celebration mode after earning their first victory under new head coach Paige Phillips on Saturday.

The Salukis continued to pull away, taking the opening set, 25-15

Second Set

The Lady Tigers began the set with a 4-2 lead after a kill by Destiny Thomas

With the score tied at 7, Grambling State got a kill by Adaizah Millett, and took advantage of four straight attacking errors by Southern Illi-

nois to grab a 12-7 lead

Kills by James and Millett, along with errors by SIU, extended the Lady Tigers lead to 21-11

A kill by Gomez gave GSU a 24-17 advantage and the Lady Tigers picked up a 25-18 victory off an attacking error by Southern Illinois

Third Set

With the score tied

at 9, Grambling State put together a 6-0 run, capped by a kill by Smith, to grab a 15-9 advantage

Southern Illinois closed the gap to 16-14 after a GSU attacking error

Back-to-back kills by Thomas and an error by SIU extended the Lady Tigers lead to 19-14, forcing the Salukis to

call a timeout

Southern Illinois continued to play from behind, cutting the GSU advantage to 20-19, before a service error and a James kill push the margin to 22-19

The Salukis closed the gap to 23-22 and 24-23, but a kill by Gomez sealed the set as the Lady Tigers took a 2-1 lead in the match, 25-23

Fourth Set

The Lady Tigers opened the set with a 6-4 lead

Grambling State continued to extend the margin, grabbing a 10-5 advantage after a service ace by James

Kills by Maggie Plush, Smith and James, along with attacking errors by Southern Illinois, increased GSU's lead to 18-9

The Salukis slowly climbed back into the set, using a 6-1 run to close the margin to 19-15

An attacking error and kill by English gave GSU a 23-16 lead and the Lady Tigers closed out the match with a 25-18 win

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

GSU finished with 43 kills in 102 total attacks, with just 14 attacking errors, while hitting .284

during the four sets

The Lady Tigers registered 42 assists, 39 digs, nine service aces and 8.0 total team blocks

The Lady Tigers hit .308 during the fourth set with 10 kills and just two errors

Jayden James led Grambling State offensively with a team-high 15 kills in 29 total attacks (hitting .414)

Ana Calderon dished out 23 assists and 10 digs for the double-double

Hillary English added 13 assists

Southern Illinois finished with 51 kills in 119 total attacks, with 25 attacking errors, and hit .218

The Salukis recorded 48 assists, 39 digs, seven service aces and 7.0 total team blocks

SIU registered 15 kills and just two errors, while hitting .500 in the opening set

Tatum Tornatta led SIU with 15 kills in 23 total attacks

Ceci Bulmahn added 10 kills

Anna Jaworski tallied a team-high 33 assists, while Peyton Plant chipped in 12

Claudia Bobb paced the defense with 11 digs

Winston sharp, Saints top Chargers 27-10 in preseason finale

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints quarterback Jameis Winston looked ready for the regular season in his first game since seriously injuring his left knee last Halloween.

Winston completed all four of his passes for 59 yards in the only series he played, setting up the first of Mark Ingram's two touchdowns in New Orleans' 27-10 preseason victory over the Los Angeles Chargers on Friday night.

"It meant a lot to get a chance to play," Winston said, downplaying the significance of his brief

performance in relation to the long recovery that preceded it.

"My gratitude for being out there is way more important than completing passes," Winston asserted. "Like, I had a season that I didn't finish. So, I'm thankful."

The Saints (1-2) did not escape the game without a potentially problematic injury, however. Rookie left tackle Trevor Penning, the second of two first-round draft choices by the Saints last spring, was carted to the locker room with an apparent left foot injury. He was hurt while being run into

from behind by tight end Juwan Johnson near the Chargers goal line.

Winston, who had surgery last November to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament, also had missed the Saints' first two preseason games with a sprained right foot. But after he returned to full team drills in practice this week, first-year head coach Dennis Allen gave Winston a brief tune-up.

"I wanted to get Jameis out there in some game action; it's been a while since he's been in that environment," Allen said, noting that Win-

ston also had missed joint practices in Green Bay because of his foot sprain.

"He was confident in the pocket. I thought he was decisive with his reads," Allen said. "There was a couple of plays where he really stepped up in there and rifled the ball in."

Winston completed his first two passes to newly acquired veteran receiver Jarvis Landry for 20 and 15 yards. He added a 19-yarder to first-round draft choice Chris Olave, followed by a 5-yard toss to running back Alvin Kamara.

Kamara added a 13-yard run after that to set up Ingram's 1-yard score.

Most of the Saints' projected offensive starters played the opening series before getting the rest of the game off. The Chargers (0-3) played very few starters.

"We got full evaluations, which is what we were after in these three preseason games," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said.

"There is a lot to be decided here, especially at the back half of our team. We have to make sure that we take a good, hard look at it."

Trey Pipkins III started at right tackle, a spot for which he's been competing with Storm Norton. Norton started at left tackle in place of Rashawn Slater, who had the game off.

Backup QB Chase Daniel, a former Saint, started for Los Angeles and completed 10 of 11 passes for 113 yards against a Saints defense fielding several starters. Daniel's 38-yard pass to Jalen Guyton along the left sideline highlighted a 75-yard touchdown drive that ended with Larry Roundtree III's 1-yard run.

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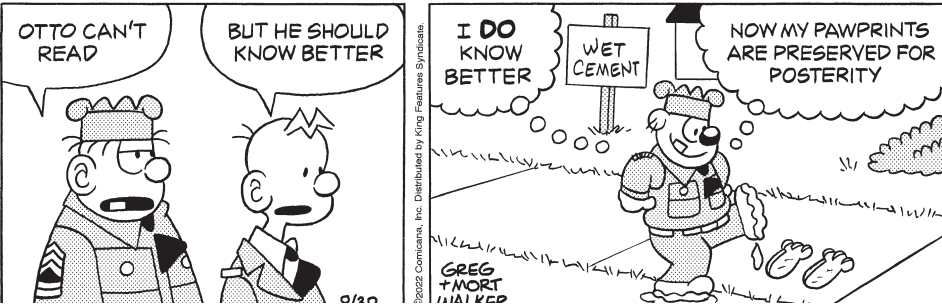
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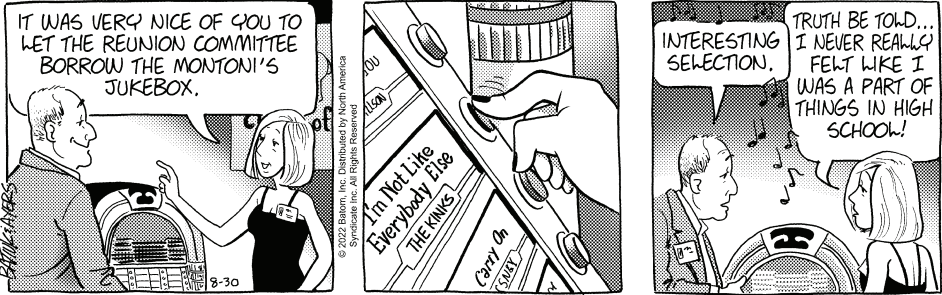
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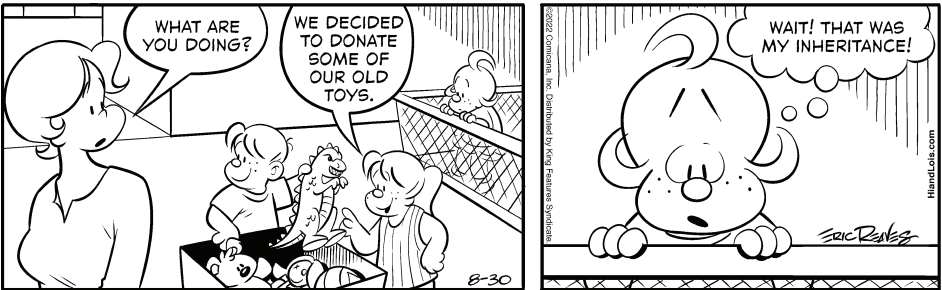
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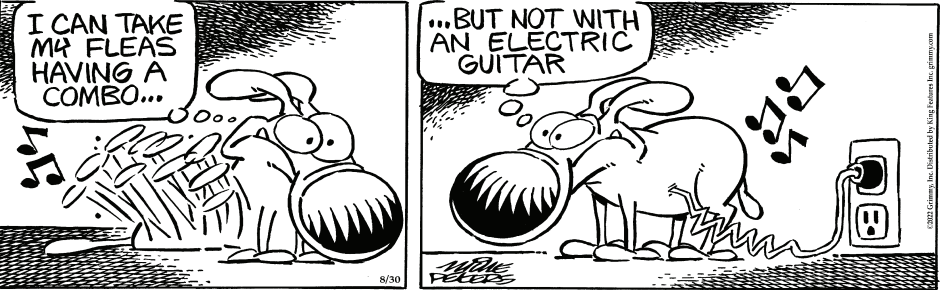
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FUN & GAMES

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