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Argument over cell phone brings about arson charges

Leader Staff Report

An apparent argument over a cellphone landed two Grambling residents in the Lincoln Parish Detention Center after the rift escalated into suspected arson.

Grambling city police arrested Tanaja Abreiana Harris, 31, and L.C. Lewis, Jr., 65, shortly before 7 p.m. Thursday at Lewis's Adams Avenue residence.

According to the arrest affidavits for both Harris and Lewis, the incident reportedly began when Harris' ex-boyfriend called police telling them Harris had come to his residence accusing him of having her cellphone.

Lewis was with Harris, according to the report. When the complainant told the pair he didn't have the phone, Harris allegedly reached into the back of the vehicle she and Lewis were in, got a gasoline can and began to throw gasoline toward her former boyfriend and his vehicle.

Harris struck a match, reportedly igniting herself as well as the complainant's front yard

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Henderson visits Tech before anticipated president vote

Talks search process, vision for university at town hall

By Caleb Daniel
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The Louisiana Tech University community heard firsthand from University of Louisiana System President Jim Henderson Thursday for likely the only time before he is expected to be named Tech's next president.

Henderson met with representatives of Tech faculty, students and athletics in private sessions Thursday before holding a 90-minute, town hall-style public meeting on campus with a mixed crowd of university stakeholders.

He is set to interview with the UL System Board



Leader photo by Caleb Daniel

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University of Louisiana System President Jim Henderson (right) shakes hands with faculty members at Louisiana Tech prior to a town hall at Howard Auditorium Thursday.

Tech president interview slated for Wednesday night

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The University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors will interview System President Jim Henderson for the Louisiana Tech University president position Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The board's special meeting agenda shows it will call a public forum

at 6 p.m. at the Claiborne Building Conference Center in Baton Rouge before reconvening at 7 to interview Henderson for the Tech post currently held by the retiring Les Guice.

The interview will likely have a public portion and a closed-doors portion in executive session.

After deliberations, the final agenda item is discussion regarding "University of Louisiana System

President, and/or appointment, and related actions."

UL System Board Chair Elizabeth Pierre has not responded to requests for comment on the meeting, including whether the board expects to vote on Henderson's appointment Wednesday night or at its subsequent regular meeting Thursday morning.

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Cold Case

On sixth anniversary of woman's death, family, police still seek answers

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At 1:38 a.m. Sunday, it will have been six years since Sheila Jackson's body was found in the travel lanes of U.S. 167, approximately one-half mile south of the intersection with East Tennessee Avenue.

Ruston police investigators still don't know what happened. They and Jackson's family continue to ask the public for help in solving the crime.



Sheila Jackson

"There are no new leads, but the case is still considered open," Deputy Ruston Police Chief Chad Hamlin said.

All investigators know for sure is that it appears Jackson, 52, of Ruston, was walking south on U.S. 167 when she was struck by a vehicle.

RPD received a call at 1:28 a.m. that Sunday about a pedestrian having been hit. The only evidence located at the scene was a Grambling State University fan flag that attaches to an

Grambling chamber honors community leaders

By Nancy Bergeron
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Members of the Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce gathered Thursday night to honor five individuals and one university program they say have made their city a better place to live.

Honorees were Gordan Ford and Lincoln Preparatory School, R.W.E. Jones Education Award; Grambling State University's Call Me MiSTER program, also winning an R.W.E. Jones Education Award; police Chief Tommy Clark, Jr., L. D. Land Government Award; Martha Foster-Dawson, A. D. Smith Business Award; Anthony Gray, Thelma Smith Williams Community Service Award;



Leader photo by Nancy Bergeron

Award winners at Thursday night's Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce Community Contributions Banquet were from left, Anthony Gray, Thelma Smith Williams Community Service Award; George Noffin, R.W.E. Jones Education Award for Grambling State University's Call Me MiSTER program; Gerald Ellis accepting the Dr. Rhonda R. Pruitt Award on behalf of Rev. Dr. Earl J. Griffin, Sr.; Martha Foster-Dawson, A. D. Smith Business Award; Jerry Lewis, accepting the L. D. Land Government Award on behalf of Grambling police Chief Tommy Clark, Jr.; and Gordan Ford, R. W.E. Jones Education Award for Lincoln Preparatory School.

and Rev. Dr. Earl J. Griffin, Sr., Dr. Rhonda R. Pruitt Special Recognition Award.

"Your dedication and commitment to excellence has made a positive contribution on our city and the

citizens of Lincoln Parish," Grambling Mayor Alvin Bradley, Jr., told the awardees.

The banquet was the chamber's first since 2018. The annual gathering was suspended because of the

COVID-19 pandemic. Chamber Treasurer Barbara McIntyre said the organization is made up of people "who have a heart for Grambling, who

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TAKE TWO

Sharing Mama Josie's vision about food

While recently traveling between New Orleans and Ruston, Tom and I stopped at one of our favorite places — Middendorf's in Manchac. We're not the only ones fond of Middendorf's. It's a restaurant that has been delighting the masses for close to 90 years.

This time was certainly no different. In fact, we planned the stop the day before and made sure we were good and hungry when we arrived. After ordering, my eyes fell on a picture of Mama Josie.

Back in the day, Josie Middendorf did all the cooking using her own recipes. She's the one who originated the legendary house specialty — thin fried catfish. They will tell you people couldn't get enough of it and I'm here to tell you, decades later, I'm a loyal member of that crowd.

However, what really caught my eye was the sign that read "Mama Josie's Spice Rack." I don't know how I'd managed to miss this during previous visits but after reading the wording, I was convinced Mama Josie and I would have gotten along famously.

Mama Josie's Spice Rack includes your basic salt and pepper shakers, a couple of brands of hot sauce, some Tony's Creole Seasoning, ketchup and, well, that's about it. But what I really took to was why that spice rack was even there in the first place.



By Cathi Cox-Boniol

According to Mama Josie, it's because she didn't believe in seasoning the catfish. She wanted the flavor of the fish to shine. So, after sheering the catfish fillets into thin strips, and I do mean thin pieces, she simply coated them with a cornmeal and flour breading. The fillets are then fried up and served piping hot and crispy with nothing to mask the flavor of the catfish. You're then on your own to do whatever damage you see fit.

I appreciate Mama Josie not wanting to detract from the natural flavor of the catfish. She and I are obviously cut from the same cloth. I have very strong feelings about adding things to my food that will keep me from tasting its original glory.

Take pancakes. I don't understand putting syrup on pancakes. Once you do that, you can't taste the pancake. So, I prefer my pancakes and waffles plain with a little butter so they won't be dry. Don't even try and get me to add syrup and create a soggy mess on my plate. However, the texture thing is a whole other workshop we can hold for another time.

Then there are biscuits. My Tom loves to slather a biscuit with every imaginable type of jelly, marmalade or jam. Most people are that way. Not me. I want to be able to taste biscuit, not jelly.

That means I'm going plain every time. And I guess that's why I like Middendorf's catfish so much.

People have wondered where my strange food proclivities come from. I come from a long line of people who like a little food with their spice. And while I'm a self-proclaimed catfish snob because I'm so accustomed to my daddy's, he can whip something up and assure me it's mild but one taste and my face is paralyzed with my head about to explode. It has always been that way.

That's also why on so many occasions when everyone else has been having some standard Louisiana dish, I've settled for a hot dog or grilled cheese. And yes, pretty plain.

I'm okay with that. We all have our thing that makes us unique. Everyone else can singe their taste buds with every spice available or satisfy their sweet tooth with loads of syrup and whatever else.

As for me, I'm cherishing the bonding moment I shared with Mama Josie and the notion that it's okay to be basic and even simple. I'm all about celebrating the plainness that can let a flavor shine. And that can apply to all kinds of facets in life.

So pass me another piece of that plain yet yummy Middendorf thin and crispy catfish. Just keep the spice rack to yourself.



A History of Ruston — Part III

The railroad officials imported a surveyor from New York to lay out the town, thus accounting for the unusual width and symmetry of Ruston's streets. To this newly-divided tract of land was given the name "Russ Town," later changed to Ruston, in honor

of the original landowner.

Blocks of land were set aside for a courthouse, a school, and a cemetery. Later, more land was given for the construction of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

To interest people from the

surrounding territory in the new town site, a big barbecue was given in July, 1884. Passenger service on the railroad had been established by that time and people came from all along the line to eat free barbecue and hear the virtues of Ruston extolled.



Railroad Avenue and North Trenton Corner — the Gullatt's that is shown in the picture is located about where Mary Lou's is today (1959). If this is a little confusing, old-timers will remind you that this corner building now occupied by Carpenter's was not built at the time this picture was taken.

Ways to help manage osteoarthritis

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common form of arthritis and affects over 32.5 million U.S. adults. OA is a degenerative joint disease that causes pain and stiffness and can lead to limited function.

OA of the knee is the most common type, affecting more than 12 million Americans ages 65 and older. The signs and symptoms of OA can vary, but commonly include joint stiffness, pain during activity, and cracking or creaking noises around the joint.

"Although there is no treatment that can reverse OA, physical therapy can help individuals manage the symptoms conservatively through appropriate and individualized exercise programs and other treatments provided by physical therapists," said Rachel Prusynski, PT, DPT, PhD, a spokesperson for the American Physical Therapy Association. "Physical therapy may also help to prevent a worsening of OA and the need for invasive procedures and prescribed pain medications."

Backed by research. Many studies have shown that physical therapy is effective in helping manage OA. Now, a new report released by the American Physical Therapy Association provides another reason to choose physical therapy for OA of the knee over commonly used steroid injections — the overall value that physical therapy delivers to pa-



There are exercises and training you can do if you are suffering from Osteoarthritis, including muscle training and low-impact workouts like yoga and stretching.

tients and the health care system.

In addition to saving health care dollars, physical therapy helps patients increase mobility, balance, strength and flexibility, ultimately contributing to better health and lowering the risk of conditions that could require additional health care services down the road.

People with OA should increase their physical activity routines more gradually than those without OA and should avoid high-impact exercises (think jumping or pounding movements on the joints).

Prusynski suggests five ways to manage OA symptoms through movement:

- Regular physical activity can help maintain and improve movement and function, and reduce joint pain for people with OA. Physical therapists can prescribe a tailored, individual physical ac-

tivity plan, which in addition to helping with OA symptoms, can also boost heart health and facilitate weight loss.

- Muscle strength training with exercises primarily aimed at the large muscle groups around the knee and hip joints. Muscle strengthening exercises include lifting weights or working with resistance bands.

- Low-impact aerobic activities put less stress on the joints and include brisk walking, cycling, swimming, water aerobics, light gardening, certain group exercise classes and dancing.

- Balance exercises like walking backward, standing on one foot and tai chi are important for those who are at risk of falling or who have trouble walking. Having OA can increase your risk of falling, so it's important to build your balance and strength.
- Flexibility exer-

cises like stretching and yoga are important for people with arthritis to reduce muscle tension and strain. Yoga can be modified for those with arthritis. Some people with OA have joint stiffness that makes daily tasks difficult. Doing daily flexibility exercises helps maintain your range of motion so you can keep doing everyday things like household tasks, hobbies and visiting with friends and family.

Physical therapists are movement experts who improve quality of life through hands-on care and remote telehealth visits, patient education, and prescribed movement. They are important members of your health care team and often work closely with other health care providers, including your primary care physician. To learn more and find a physical therapist near you, visit ChoosePT.com.

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OBITUARY *(Paid Announcement)*

Mary Elizabeth Miller Heuer

Mary Elizabeth Miller Heuer of Jonesboro, entered into eternal rest on October 15, 2023, at the age of 92.

She was born in Orange, Texas, on June 15, 1931, to the late Mary Barbier Miller Lightsey and Clarence John Miller.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward Joseph Heuer; son, Eric Edward Heuer; and brothers, Clarence John Miller and Lawrence Charles Miller.

She is survived by her daughter, Ramona Heuer Ross (husband, Leonard) of Monrovia, California; grandson, Darien Joseph Ross of Lancaster, California; brother-in-law, Frank M. Heuer, Sr. of New Orleans; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mary and her family moved to New Orleans when she was a young child. She graduated from John McDonogh High School in New Orleans and shortly after married Ed, the love of her life.

They lived in New Orleans until Ed took a job with North Louisiana Gulf Railroad in Jonesboro, where they lived together for over 50 years. An avid reader and quite the intellect, Mary enjoyed staying up to date on current events.

Her thirst for knowledge led to a desire to further her education, which she accomplished at UL-Monroe where she received a degree in geography in 1995. While taking a botany class there, Mary discovered a new species of violet grow-



ing on the land behind her back yard.

It's unknown if she ever got credit for this discovery but it was certainly something that she felt quite proud of. Because of her love of botany, you could show her a leaf, flower or seed and she could tell you everything about it.

Mary and Ed enjoyed volunteering and spent a lot of time visiting with the residents at Forest Haven Nursing Home in Jonesboro. They also helped on several occasions with Red Cross Disaster Relief. Mary was also a poll worker for several local and national elections.

She attended the Presbyterian Church, USA, of Ruston, for many years.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to Judy Daly, Mary's loving, devoted caregiver for the past 2 years. "Judith" (as Mary liked to call her), would share Bible stories with her daily which she especially enjoyed.

Boone Funeral Home in Bossier, is handling arrangements.

A private, family interment at Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans, will take place at a future date.



Submitted photo

Ruston Civic Guild meeting held

The Ruston Civic Guild met on Oct. 12 at Squire Creek Country Club. Catherine Davison Mills presented the program on "Table Matters," demonstrating several beautiful holiday table settings. Pictured are Donna Ewing, president; Catherine Mills, presenter; and Nancy Vasocu, vice president.

WEEKENDS WITH DART

Community comes together with DART for Radiothon success

The Oxford English Dictionary defines "community" as, "a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common." On Oct. 12, however, "community" had some different definitions here in Ruston.

Community as Broadcast. Q94.1 FM brought the Radiothon to the airwaves and awareness to life before dawn, as Bill Brown arrived and quickly wired his Big Q truck for a remote broadcast. In minutes we officially kicked off the most important fundraiser of the year for DART. Throughout the day, others took the microphone to continue the broadcast. Thank you to Rick Godley, Mike Stone, Cary Brown, Cliff Strider, and Barry Gilliland for stepping in.

Community as Grocery. Without a location, a Radiothon cannot gather community members for awareness or support. Super 1 Foods in Ruston has hosted every single DART Radiothon since 2002, allowing us to set up inside and speak with shoppers and supporters all day long.

Super 1 Manager Tim Hurt also allowed the Jambalaya fundraiser to be held in the store parking lot this year, which doubled the amount raised by this lunch project.

Community as News. Much good is done here, but if people don't know about it, community impact is lessened. We thank the *Ruston Daily Leader* for its

faithful coverage and support of DART.

Community as Nourishment. For Karl Malone Toyota's 4th annual Jambalaya Fundraiser for DART, a mountain of savory food was produced by a large number of kind folks. Giant-hearted Rusty Wilfong cooked, while Sharon Pettijohn and Allison Ferguson began months earlier to organize this massive project. Eleven friends gathered and chopped enough vegetables and sausage for fourteen pots of jambalaya. Many of Rusty's fellow Rotarians came to work that morning, and other volunteers stepped in to plate and serve the traditional Louisiana dish. Gifts all around.



By Terrie Queen Autrey

Community as Fraternity. For the 20th year in a row, members of Kappa Sigma fraternity worked in shifts from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., smiling and greeting Super 1 shoppers, and accepting Radiothon donations. This enthusiastic group of young men served plates of jambalaya as well.

Community as Sorority. Alpha Chi Omega Beta Psi's 9th annual Walk a Mile, held Saturday, was an important part of the Radiothon. This sorority's national philanthropy is domestic violence, and Alpha Chi works throughout the year to promote awareness and raise funds. Members of Alpha Chi also served plates of jambalaya on Radiothon Day.

Community as Art. Following

the death of his father, banker Terry Burns, last year, Ruston native and professional photographer Paul Burns learned that his parents' first date was at the Dixie Theatre. Paul took a luminous photo of the Dixie in early morning light and titled it "First Date."

With the partnership of Century Next Bank, an online auction of the beautifully framed photograph was launched on Radiothon morning. Many prints and gifts of "First Date" also went on sale. All proceeds of both the auction and the sales will go to DART. The auction is live and prints and puzzles will be sold at Paul's website, littlesotsphotography.com, until Dec. 5, when Century Next hosts its annual holiday art reception. Paul will announce the auction winner that night. We are grateful to be the recipients of such a meaningful fundraiser.

Community as Partnership. Over 30 people spoke at the Radiothon, sharing their stories and support of the work DART has done for nearly thirty years. We were grateful to have staff and board members, community leaders, judges, survivors, members of law enforcement, and a variety of others share their stories and belief in DART that day.

As a result of all of these people, DART exceeded our \$80,000 goal, which was needed to replace the loss of funding from two federal grants. We left Super 1 filled with amazement and gratitude for the community we are privileged to serve.

Louisiana Tech names Wick dean of COES

Louisiana Tech News

Louisiana Tech University has announced the appointment of Collin Wick as Dean of the College of Engineering and Science (COES). Wick has been with Louisiana Tech for 16 years, a decade of which he has spent in leadership roles within the COES.

"Under Dr. Wick's leadership, the College of Engineering and Science is poised to further its rich history of innovation and excellence and dedication to our students," said Interim Provost Donna Thomas.

"He is inheriting a diverse team of talented faculty, staff, and administration that strives endlessly to deliver the world-class education that the College is known for, and I have no doubt that Dr. Wick will serve our campus community with loyalty and pride."

Wick most recently served as associate dean of research, a position he will continue to hold, and associate dean of graduate studies, where he spearheaded a proposal for a new doc-



Collin Wick

toral degree program expected to increase enrollment following approval from the Louisiana Board of Regents. Before he was appointed associate dean of graduate studies, Wick was the program chair of chemistry, where he more than doubled enrollment.

Along with his leadership experience, Wick brings a history of mentoring, research, and teaching to the role. Under his guidance, the Graduate Student Council was revived to provide graduate students with a platform to voice concerns, plan events, create professional development opportunities, and enhance their academic

experiences.

Wick's teaching and research experience has helped the University engage new generations of scientists and engineers inside and outside the classroom.

Research from his lab has resulted in over 80 peer-reviewed articles, numerous conference presentations, and nearly \$13 million in grant funds for the University.

He has also taught a range of courses from the freshman to the graduate level. His dedication to teaching earned him the 2023 University Foundation Professorship Award.

Wick's family includes his wife of 24 years, DeEtte, who is an alumna of Tech with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. He has two sons at

Tech, Thomas, in his third year in the instrumentation and control systems engineering technology program, and Lucas, in his second year in sustainable supply chain management. His youngest son Ashton, a senior at Ruston High School, is a dual enrollment student at Tech.

"I'm thoroughly humbled and honored to be selected as COES Dean and am grateful for the support of Louisiana Tech and the College of Engineering and Science," Wick said, "I will do my best to build on the College and University's culture and legacy of preparing our students to become leaders in their fields, along with providing service to our community and stakeholders."

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THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN



Voter turnout for police jury races

Heading into last weekend's primary election, we thought the interest in the police jury races would be high enough to draw the masses to the polls.

We were wrong. Voter turnout ranged from 16.3% in District 9 to 40.5% in District 3. According to our research, the paltry turnout in District 9 was the lowest for any race over the last four police jury elections.

We held two public forums during which candidates spoke to voters during a time of importance for the jury as an entity. Many issues have been raised in the past few years that made this election paramount.

Still, people stayed away from the polls. Is voter apathy just a part of our human condition in modern times? Have we reached a point that how our cities or parishes are governed doesn't mean that much? Let's hope this trend reverses.



Continued violence in Jackson Parish

Jackson Parish Sheriff Andy Brown and his office have been extremely busy in October, and that's not a good thing.

What started on Oct. 6 after a night of celebration at Jonesboro-Hodge's homecoming game ended with two homicides happening just a few hours apart. The deaths of Bre'Untae Hicks and Devontre "Dee" Jackson to gun violence were shocking enough and tragic enough for families, friends and the small community to cope with.

Wednesday, there was another fatal shooting in Jackson Parish. The JPSO responded to a call on Gansville Road in Jonesboro and found a male with a gunshot wound. He was transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Two weeks, three violent incidents and three men whose lives have ended.

This is not New Orleans, Baton Rouge or Shreveport. A community this small with family-oriented residents shouldn't be dealing with gun violence.

We just hope that cooler heads can prevail and that no more of the senseless violence strikes Jackson Parish. They've been through enough.



City of Ruston's annual Monster Mash

Parents in Ruston, plan to take your little ghouls and goblins, and princesses and super heroes to the annual Monster Mash Halloween event planned for Oct. 26 in the city.

Throughout the year the city plans events that cater to families and this one is always one that we mark on the calendar.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the sports complex on Hwy. 167, children ages 12 and under can partake in the seasonal festivities thanks to local businesses and merchants.

You'll need a ticket to get in and those can be printed or shown on a mobile device. According to the city, there will be more than 50 booths filled with candy and games.

To obtain a ticket for the event, you can visit the Ruston Parks & Recreation and City of Ruston Facebook pages.

Dress up, have fun and make the most of what our city has to offer.



A DIFFERENT BEAT

Those left behind deal with violence

In the last couple of weeks the small community of Jackson Parish has had to deal with three tragic deaths to gun violence. Two of those murders occurred within hours of each other on one senseless night. The other this week.

I don't know if any of those cases are connected, but individually, it's just an anomaly for such a small, rural area of Louisiana.

Doing this job — reporting on violent crime — is something we deal with often. Over the course of my 30-plus years in the business, I can't tell you how many violent deaths in different parts of Louisiana I've written about.

A few of them stick out more than others. Like the day in Sulphur when an ex-husband kidnapped his ex-wife and daughter from their home and in the middle of a field in a standoff with police, he shot and killed the mother and then turned the gun on himself. In front of their very young daughter.

Those cases never leave my memory. It's the ugly side of human nature. It's the darkness of society that sometimes makes its way into the light of day.

Each year on the mother's birthday, the grandfather came into our office to place an ad in memoriam of the mother, with the daughter in hand. I smiled at the girl, gave her a piece of candy each time and wondered how in the world she's coping with such an event.

None of us, especially small children, should ever be subject to that level of tragedy. I still weep for her today.

While working in Leesville, I dealt with one particular case in which a man was shot dead on the doorstep of his home in broad daylight while returning home from work. The two gunmen thought he was someone who wronged them in a drug deal, and gunned him down in a case of mistaken identity.

In the blink of an eye, a man who went to work to support his family, minded his own business and returned home, was gone because he resembled someone else.

He left behind a wife and kids, who had to cope from that day forward with life absent a husband and father.

Many times here I mentioned that I grew up in the small town of Jennings in south Louisiana. My father's twin brother happened to be the chief detective of the Jeff Davis Parish Sheriff's Office. Like Sheriff Andy Brown and his staff in Jackson Parish, my uncle had the unenviable job of working murder cases.

I can't vividly remember too many of those cases my uncle worked.

Except for one. In July of 1983 I was enjoying a normal summer as any 17-year-old would. Then, in a town less than 10 miles away, tiny Lake Arthur,

a man named Michael Perry committed mass murder. He killed five members of his family, including his parents, two cousins and his 2-year-old nephew.

This was a case my uncle could never let go. Until his final days, these particular murders affected him like no other case he worked on. He rarely spoke about the case and when he did, he always became emotional.

Michael Perry's murder spree against his family terrorized the community. He wasn't caught until two months later, and during that time nobody wanted to go out alone or without protection. Even as a carefree 17-year-old, it had a profound effect on me.

Tragic violence always boils down to one thing for me: people are left in its wake to cope. Monsters commit crimes. Innocent people pay for it. Whether it's a high profile case like the Perry murders or the yet to be named victim who was killed by someone wielding a gun this week in Jackson Parish.

As the old saying goes, guns don't keep people. People kill people.

Dealing with the aftermath will never change either. My heart hurts for those families in Jackson Parish, just as it still does in Sulphur, in Leesville and in Lake Arthur.

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By Brian Trahan

EAST TEXAS HUMOR

Things that I'm glad I did, for now

If you read my last two columns, you know that I'm now milking this one-trick pony for all it's worth — including some mixed metaphors. In my previous columns, I discussed things I haven't done, and things I've done and wish I hadn't — respectively (actually, there was quite a bit of disrespect involved, especially regarding Hooters.)

This time, I'll share a few things I'm actually glad I did — for now.

1. First, this past year, I hired someone to mow my yard. Yes, I could save some cash if I did it myself, and yes, my dad (who is in his 80s) still mows his own yard — and probably doubts my parentage. But considering that I often pull muscles and pinch nerves if I breathe too heavily, I'll probably save money on medical insurance copays. Besides, I now have more time to annoy my wife, three semi-grown daughters and pets.

2. Speaking of my daughters, I'm currently paying for a series of driving lessons for my youngest and quietest daughter. I still ride along while she practices, which almost always ends with apologies

(from me) and a full wipe down of the front passenger window to remove claw marks and tear stains.

But based on my eldest and middle daughters' experiences with parent-taught driving lessons (and my inability to find a substitute teacher), I thought sending my youngest to a driving academy might be better for her self-esteem, my cardiovascular health and our liability insurance premiums.

3. If you're still reading, you may want to stop now because next on the list is my switch several years ago to boxer briefs. I was raised in tights-whities, which, on me, basically look like enormous diapers (I know I'll be wearing those soon enough). Not only do I find boxer briefs more comfortable, they vaguely resemble shorts, which is useful when I forget to put on pants before going out to check the mail.

4. Moving on from men's underwear to marital health (I'm convinced the two are closely related), for the past year, or so, I've been asking my wife out for a weekly date — and occasionally,

she says, "Yes." When our three daughters were younger, my wife and I focused all of our time and energy on them, shaping and molding them into strong, intelligent young women who know exactly how to manipulate us out of our cash.

Now that they are more independent (except for the cash part), I'm trying to dedicate more attention to my wife's needs. So, when we go out on our dates, I let her know I value her and her opinions by allowing her to choose where we eat — as long as it's my favorite Mexican food restaurant.

I could go on and on (not really — I'm pretty much out of ideas), but I'll finish by saying that although I've done plenty of things I regret, and I haven't done a lot of things that others have, marrying an outstanding lady and having three wonderful girls have made up for life's many shortcomings. Oh, and the boxer briefs help, too, especially when I go out to check the mail.

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Stock Market Today



Wall Street closes with worst week in a month, more losses

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street racked up more losses Friday to close out its worst week in a month.

The S&P 500 fell 1.3% for a fourth straight drop. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 286 points, or 0.9%, and the Nasdaq composite tumbled 1.5%.

The stock market has been struggling under the weight of the bond market, where the yield on the 10-year Treasury briefly topped 5% late Thursday for the first time since 2007, according to Tradeweb. High yields make borrowing more expensive for everyone, and they slow the economy while dragging on prices for stocks and

other investments.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury was hanging within a hair of 5% early Friday morning, before later easing back to 4.91%. It's been generally catching up to the Federal Reserve's main interest rate, which is already above 5.25% and at its highest level since 2001.

Yields swung a day earlier after investors took comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell to indicate the central bank won't raise its main interest rate at its next meeting Nov. 1. But financial markets are less sure about what the Fed will do after that, and the central bank has said its

upcoming moves will depend entirely on how inflation and the job market behave.

The Fed has raised its overnight interest rate at a furious pace in hopes of suffocating high inflation, which has come down from its peak last summer. But a rise in oil prices is threatening to add more upward pressure. Crude prices remained volatile amid worries about war in the Middle East.

A barrel of benchmark U.S. oil fell 62 cents to settle at \$88.75. It's been bouncing around since the latest Hamas-Israel war began, after leaping from \$70 to more than \$93 during the

summer. Brent crude, the international standard, slipped 22 cents to \$92.16 per barrel.

Gold's price climbed as investors herded into investments considered safer ahead of a weekend of uncertainty with the war. It rose \$13.90 to settle at \$1,994.40 per ounce. Last week, it jumped more than 3% heading into the weekend.

Investors are pulling so many dollars out of riskier investments and holding so much cash to protect themselves that a market-sentiment reading by Bank of America is signaling "extreme bearish."

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Hunter Biden prosecutor to appear for closed-door testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — The special counsel overseeing the Hunter Biden investigation is expected to testify before a Congressional committee behind closed doors as a GOP probe into the Justice Department's handling of the case con-

tinues to unfold. In a rare step, David Weiss is set to appear for a transcribed interview before members of the House Judiciary Committee on Nov. 7, two people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press Friday. The people

spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss details of the closed-door appearance.

It comes months after an Internal Revenue Service agent testified as part of a GOP probe that the investigation into the president's son

was "slow-walked" and mishandled. Weiss has denied one of the more explosive allegations by saying in writing that he had final say over the case.

Questions about Hunter Biden's business dealings have been central to

a GOP-led impeachment inquiry into the president. That's been led in part by Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, who was also running for speaker Friday in a drawn-out election that's largely brought legislative business to a standstill.

The Justice Department has previously offered to let Weiss testify about the authority he had over the investigation, noting that it is an "extraordinary step" for a prosecutor to speak to Congress while the criminal investigation is still open but saying it is warranted due to deep concerns about "any misrepresentations about our work that could harm public confidence."

Weiss is expected to make a single appearance next month. However, the Justice Department noted in a letter to the Judiciary Committee

last month that he could be called on for public testimony after the investigation is over.

Weiss, who also serves as U.S. Attorney for Delaware, has been investigating Hunter Biden for five years, and the case was expected to come to a conclusion with a plea deal on tax and gun charges that spared him jail time this summer. But the agreement imploded after it came under scathing GOP criticism as a "sweetheart deal" and a judge separately raised questions about the terms in court.

Hunter Biden has now been charged with three felony firearm courts related to his purchase of a gun in 2018, a period when he has acknowledged struggling with addiction. Weiss has also indicated Hunter Biden could face tax charges, though none have yet been filed.

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automobile window. Jackson's remains were identified several days later after family members reported her missing. Rodney Jackson, Sheila Jackson's older brother, said his sister's body was intact for the most part.

"People have said things, but they were dead ends," said Rodney Jackson, who now lives in Denver, Colorado. "We're just hoping and praying somebody out there will say some-

thing." Sheila Jackson was last seen alive in the parking lot of a convenience store at the corner of Farmerville Street and Martin Luther King Drive, according to family.

She was one of eight siblings and was known to have addiction problems. But, in an interview three years ago, Rodney Jackson said his sister was turning her life around.

For the last five years

on Oct. 22, Sheila Jackson's family has held a vigil for her in the convenience store parking lot. Because of a family illness, that won't happen this year.

But Rodney Jackson still wants the community to remember, and he still wants people he believes are out there and know something about his sister's death to come forward.

"I don't want her to be forgotten," he said. Anyone with any in-

formation about the case should call the Ruston Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division at 255-4141 or report a tip anonymously through Ruston-Lincoln Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stopper information can be given in several ways; either by calling 318-255-1111, text a tip to "TIP515 plus your message" to CRIMES (274637), or submit a tip online at www.ruston-lincolncrimestoppers.com.

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want to see Grambling prosper and grow and who remember what Grambling used to be" but also have a vision for the future.

She called for commitments from the approximately 200 people present, as well as the entire Grambling community, to work together for the city's future.

The Grambling chamber held its first banquet in 2008 to honor former state Rep. Rick Gallot who was term-limited from seeking reelection.

"Following the success of that first banquet, members of the Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce said 'hey, let's do it again and let's expand it,'" chamber President Reginald Owens said.

That's when the group added awards. Here's a closer look at this year's recipients:

— R. W. E. Jones Education Award recipient Call Me MiSTER is a program that seeks to increase the pool of available teachers from a more diverse background, particularly among the lowest-performing elementary schools.

Student participants are largely selected from under-served socioeconomically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities. Participants are expected

to teach in public schools.

MISTER is an acronym for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role models.

Lincoln Preparatory School also won a Jones Award. The pre-K through 12th-grade school is Type II charter school that draws students from seven surrounding parishes.

Gordan Ford, the school's executive director, was a 2024 Louisiana Principal of the Year finalist. The school has recently moved into a new \$45 million facility.

— L. D. Land Government Award recipient Grambling Police Chief Tommy Clark, Jr., has been at the helm of Grambling's police department for more than 20 years.

His law enforcement career began in the 1990s as a military officer in the U. S. Army during Operation Desert Storm. He was inducted in the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame this year. Clark is past president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs, and is a member of the Louisiana Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board.

— A. D. Smith Business Award winner Martha Gail Foster-Dawson owned the former Martha's Boutique that started in Gram-

bling and 10 years later relocated to downtown Ruston.

The upscale specialty women's clothing store opened in 1986 and closed in 2022.

A Mississippi native, Foster-Dawson worked in the Los Angeles fashion industry following graduation from Jackson State University. She spent 13 years working in GSU's data processing center before opening the boutique.

— Thelma Smith Williams Community Service Award Winner Anthony Gray says his life revolves around family, faith, community service and business. After eight years with United Healthcare, Gray started his business, Statewide Health Advisors.

The company shops for insurance to help customers choose the best carrier for their needs.

— Dr. Rhonda R. Pruitt Special Recognition Award winner the Rev. Dr. Earl Griffin, Sr., is past of Lewis Temple CME Church in Grambling. Griffin is a leader in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and has held offices in the annual conference and the district.

He has been a CME pastor since 1992. Prior to that, Griffin spent 20 years in the U.S. Army.

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on Richmond Drive.

The complainant told officers he feared for his life. He kicked the gasoline away, which burnt the side of Harris' vehicle, the report said.

Lewis and Harris fled. Officers located the pair at Lewis' residence. Harris was hiding under the bed in the master bedroom.

Harris is charged with simple arson, disturbing the peace, and on GPD warrant for simple criminal damage to property over \$1,500. Lewis is charged with disturbing the peace, obstruction of justice, and accessory after the fact — simple arson.

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Live Dangerously

"In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."

Luke 14:33 NIV

The advice to live dangerously is not meant to suggest that we should stop wearing seatbelts or taking our prescribed medicine, but rather that we should take some risks which might transform our lives for the better.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained" is as true in the stock market as it is in our everyday lives, and especially in our spiritual lives. The patriarchs and prophets of the Bible never lived lives of comfort and security. They were sojourners in strange lands, warriors for the Lord, and men and women who took great risks precisely because of their devotion and obedience to God.

Consider Jesus's instructions to the twelve disciples when he sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt." (Luke 9:3 NIV) Definitely not advice for a safe and well-planned trip, but it is exactly what one would expect if one has totally surrendered him- or herself to God.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently sounds like he is trying to dissuade people



from following him, saying, for example, "You must take up your cross and bear it." What Jesus appears to be saying here, and in countless other places, is that devotion to God comes at a cost, and often a very high cost. Life was never meant to be easy, and even less so for those who choose to devote themselves to God.

— Christopher Simon

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Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:5

Proposed black bear season creates controversy

I saw my first black bear in Louisiana several years ago when I was on a deer hunt in Madison Parish. My host dropped me off at my deer stand for an afternoon hunt when we looked down the foot plot and saw a bear.

Grabbing my camera, we slowly walked in his direction and as we closed the distance to about 100 yards, the bear stood up, checked us out giving me the opportunity to snap a couple of photos before he turned and ambled away into the thicket.

Two years ago, my wife and I were visiting the Texas National Wildlife Refuge as we spotted a female bear and two cubs a few yards from our car. I was able to snap a few photos before they disappeared into the woods.

Seldom does a day go by that I don't read on Facebook and see photos of bears all around north Louisiana, mostly bears captured on trail cameras as they take advantage of deer feeders, often dragging them to the ground and destroying them.

Property owners and those who deer hunt in the Tensas and Madison parishes area often see their hunting camps broken into as bears search for food. Many have long called for a hunting season for bears and are hopeful that the recent news

coming out of Baton Rouge will reach fruition.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is expected to vote during its November meeting on the possibility of establishing a bear season for 2024-25.

The situation regarding the growing number of bears has created spirited discussions from those who can't wait for a season to curtail the numbers of bears that are showing up all across north Louisiana along with others who are opposed to the idea.

Is the possibility of a bear season something new for Louisiana? I found a listing of hunting seasons for Louisiana for the 1939-40 season that includes bears that could be hunted from Nov. 1 through Jan. 1 with a daily limit of one; season limit of five.

Reading comments by some in response has been interesting. One respondent wrote, "My family has had land on the Tensas River in Madison Parish since the 1930s and there was always bears there and they were always a nuisance." Another wrote, "I grew up along the Tensas River and there have always been bears there. They are protected, they breed and they spread out."

The protection of bears in our state has to do with the assumption



Photo by Glynn Harris

This black bear stood up to observe a certain writer, who was determined to take the photo.

that Louisiana black bears we have are a subspecies. Some argue that the DNA of our bears is the same as those in other states. A black bear is a black bear, they contend.

We know that we have had bears as early as 1902 when President Teddy Roosevelt came on a bear hunt to Mississippi and Louisiana. In order for the President's hunt to be successful, a bear was cornered and tied to a tree so he would have an easy target. He refused the offer, news spread and as a result, the warm cuddly stuffed animal, the Teddy Bear, was named in honor of the president.

Will Louisiana once again have a bear hunting season? Will everybody be happy should the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approve? Some for sure will be happy but there are others who believe bears should forever be protected.

Next week we'll discuss preparing bear for the table, processing the meat and hide, comments from some who love it; some who gag at the thought of eating bear meat.

Stay tuned.

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU – No report. Water is low. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Some big bass are being caught on fake frogs and spinner baits around brush. The crappie are also scattered around brush. Bream have slowed. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water level is quite low. Crappie fishing has improved in 10-12 feet of water on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair in cuts on shad imitations. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole

Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – With a little current as the result of Claiborne being lowered, fishing overall has improved. Bass have been fair to good early mornings around grass on top-water lures with swim baits and soft plastics later around secondary points. Crappie are best along channel edges fishing 8 feet deep in 12-14 feet of water. Bream are slow but catfish continue to be caught fishing cold worms and night crawlers off banks. For the latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – The lake is down some seven feet as the result of the drawdown. Some good reports of bass being caught with some fine catches of stripers and hybrid stripers in fairly shallow water hitting topwater lures. Fish in the 7-8 pound range

are coming in. Boats can be launched at the state park at this time. Some reports of crappie being caught as well around submerged brush on shiners and jigs. For the latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Night fishing for bass has been producing fairly well on dark spinners and soft plastics. They are fair to good early mornings on top-water lures with square bill crank baits, spinners fished along the grass lines and soft plastics working best later. Some bass are schooling and hitting shad imitations. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs. Bream are slow. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Fishing for catfish has improved. Crappie fishing has been better on the south end of the lake. No report on bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 878-0101. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 467-2259.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water level is quite low. Catfishing is good, bass are fair and some crappie being caught off the banks. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 467-2259.

Deadline nears for student oratory competition

Union Parish youth ages 13 to 21 are invited to enter the oratory competition slated for 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Union Museum of History and Art. Pre-registration must be completed by Nov. 10 at unionmuseum@gmail.com, or in person at 211 N. Main Street, Farmerville.

First prize in each age division is \$500 with second prize set at \$250.

With a time limit of 10 minutes, each competitor will deliver a portion of a speech given by John F. Kennedy prior to or during his presidency, 1960-63. The event is open to the public.

For detailed instructions and registration form, visit www.UnionMuseumofHistoryandArt.org or call the museum at 318-982-8020. Note that student entrants must be residents of Union Par-

ish, and may attend any school or homeschool.

This event is in conjunction with the museum's current exhibit, "American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times." The exhibit of 77 historic photographs and additional artifacts is on loan from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. The local exhibit ends Nov. 30.

CHURCH NEWS

Editor's Note: If you have a submission regarding your church's worship services, you should email the information by 5 p.m. Wednesday to newsroom@rustonleader.com.

New Hope MBC

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating its 152nd church anniversary Sunday, October 22, at 10 a.m. Guest speakers for the occasion will be the Rev. Leslie Smith, of Dallas. Dr. Don E. Taylor, pastor, invites the public to join the celebration at 302 E. Vaughn Ave. in Ruston.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Located at 2269 Hwy. 145 in Choudrant, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will be holding its Annual Usher Day Celebration on Oct. 29 at 11:30 a.m.

The theme scripture is Psalm 84:10, "For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Guest speaker will be Pastor Gary Williams of The Lane Chapel Baptist Church of Downsville. Mt. Sinai pastor and teacher Rev. Wayne L. Buggs invites the public to participate.

Northside Church of Christ

We invite you to attend our special classes every Monday from 6-7 p.m., through Dec. 18. Come now, let us reason together, Isaiah 1:18. We shall explore several key issues in life. We hope to see you at 1804 N. Trenton St., in Ruston.

Zion Traveler Baptist Church

Zion Traveler Baptist Church, located at 1201 Martin Luther King Drive in Ruston, will celebrate the 17th Pastor's Anniversary for Pastor Maurice M. White and Family on Sunday, October 22. The celebration is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

China Grove Church

A Homecoming Service has been planned for Oct. 22 at China Grove Church, located at 406 Vernon St., in Ruston. Rev. E.C. Morgan of Mt. Zion #2 in Dubach will be the guest speaker at the 2:30 p.m. event.

A week of revival will follow at China Grove at 7 p.m. nightly. Terrence Flucas of Mays Chapel will speak on Tuesday, with Alejandro Wise of Zion Hill Church to be the guest on Wednesday. Gary Williams of Lane Chapel will be the guest on Thursday

evening. China Grove pastor is Damian Wilson, Sr.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Join us for Bible Study at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:15 a.m. Our morning service will be live streamed via our Facebook page. Our evening service begins at 5 p.m. in the FLC. All services will be held in the Family Life Center while our sanctuary undergoes renovations.

On Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. we have prayer meeting and Bible study for adults in the FLC; mission organizations for children in the children's building; and our youth meet for Bible study in the youth room. College meets at 7 p.m. in the Coffee Table Room at the FLC.

Alabama Presbyterian Church

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship led by Dr. Allison F. Moody. There will be a Scripture reading from Exodus 33:1-6, 12-23. Sermon title is, "What A Relationship."

Worship Service will begin at 11 a.m. There will be a children's moment led by Allison Moody. Please join us in person or via Alabama Presbyterian Church Live Facebook page.



Courtesy photo

Hall wins Sheriff's Association scholarship

Skylar Hall, a Quitman High School student, is the 2023 Louisiana Sheriffs Association Scholarship winner for Jackson Parish. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students where the sheriffs are members of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Honorary Membership Program. The goal of the program is to provide assistance to worthy Louisiana students in furthering their education.

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Complete domination start to finish

Bearcats cruise past West Ouachita 48-6 to remain undefeated

By Matt Belinson
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CADEVILLE — Ruston capitalized on early mistakes from West Ouachita and scored at will in a complete and convincing 48-6 win over the Chiefs on Friday.

The No. 4 Bearcats (8-0, 3-0 district) scored on its first five drives with the first team offense, while starting linebackers Jadon Mayfield and Zheric Hill recovered early fumbles to keep all the momentum on the visitor's sideline throughout the first half.

"I think our kids did exactly what it is that we wanted to do and that's what we talked about all week is to make sure we came out mentally prepared to execute our game plan and I thought early on that's what we did," Ruston head coach Jerrod Baugh said post-game.

"Traditionally, West Ouachita has done a very good job inside with our running game controlling that so the plan going in was to spread it out a bit and they gave us some things in the throwing game. I thought the coaches did a really good job putting the game plan together



Photo by Josh McDaniel

Ruston receiver Logan Malone (8) hauls in a long reception in the first half against West Ouachita Friday night on the road. The Bearcats remain undefeated with a 48-6 victory.

to get the ball moving and get it in the end-zone. We got a couple turnovers early on and that's when it got it out of whack early on, but I was pleased that our kids got out there and pretty much executed what we wanted to do."

Ruston's passing game came out with downfield shots, with

quarterback Josh Brantley hitting Logan Malone for a 52-yard strike, along with a post route attempt to Jamar Woods. Brantley only completed four passes but finished with 104 yards and a passing touchdown to Joran Parker on a fade route just before halftime.

When Brantley and

his receivers weren't clicking, Jordan Hayes feasted in the run game for 164 yards on 13 carries and 2 touchdowns – including a 50-yard burst with West Ouachita defenders unable to bring him down.

Brantley had three carries for 35 yards, including a 27-yard touchdown run on

fourth down inside the red zone. Brantley has three rushing scores in his last three games.

After Lander Smith got the night started with a short-yardage touchdown, the Chiefs fumbled the ball away on their second possession – recovered by Mayfield to set up the rushing score from Brantley.

West Ouachita's ball security issues continued on the very next drive with Hill forcing and recovering a fumble to set up a 9-yard touchdown from Hayes to make it 20-0.

Shortly after, Hill scored his own rushing touchdown from a yard out to make it 27-0 with 39 seconds left in the first quarter.

Brantley punched in his second rushing touchdown of the night to give the Bearcats a 34-0 lead before the second-team defense allowed West Ouachita to score its only touchdown of the night.

Seeing the score getting even marginally closer, Ruston brought out the first team offense and scored with 16 seconds left in the half to make it 41-6 on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Brantley to Parker. Hayes punched

in another score to make it 48-6 in the third.

After the score, the Bearcats' defense forced a punt – the Chiefs' fifth of the night, but would soon find themselves in the midst of a scrum after the play was over.

Multiple Bearcats flagged for being involved in the melee, with the running clock still in effect to effectively take up five minutes of clock and end the third quarter.

Baugh said post-game Hill, Aidan Anding and Semaj Jones will not play Friday against Ouachita.

"I don't really know exactly what transpired as far as what caused a couple of altercations and I thought we did a decent job as coaches keeping everybody on the sideline," Baugh said. "I can't point fingers. Here's what I know from my perspective is our kids need to do a better job of controlling themselves, regardless of who's at fault. It doesn't make any difference."

Ruston hosts Ouachita Friday for Senior Night at James Field at Hoss Garrett Stadium. Ouachita fell to West Monroe 31-21.

Cougars put up a fight in home loss to Ouachita Christian

By Jalon Grant
Special to the Leader

Cedar Creek's three-game winning streak ended Friday night as the Ouachita Christian Eagles got the best of the Cougars, 35-0.

Although the Cougars lost by a shutout, Head Coach William Parkerson couldn't be any more prouder as his team competed against the No. 2 team in the state and was down one 14-0 at halftime.

"They played with great effort, great intensity; they put it on the line, and we fought them with the best of our ability, and they were better than us. Our numbers wore down in the second half, our kids battled and competed, and I couldn't be any more proud of them," said Parkerson.

"If we play and compete like that, we can beat anybody in Division IV," he added. "If we play with that intensity and competitive spirit, why can't we go to New Orleans?"

After winning the coin toss, the Cougars received the ball. After a seven-play drive, the Eagles' defense forced a punt. On the ensuing drive, OCS started from

their 43 yard line, using a mixture of run and pass to get down to the Creek 28 yard line.

The CCS defense held their own, but a costly offsides penalty gave the Eagles a fresh set of downs deep in the Cougar's territory.

Lawson Lillo did what he's done best all year, making big-time plays and a huge fourth-down stop, which resulted in a turnover on downs as the Cougars started their second possession of the night from their 9 yard line.

Unfortunately, the Cougars went three and out and had to punt again.

The Eagles and Cougars traded three-and-outs again as a scoreless first quarter ended, but a mishandled snap by Creek gave the Eagles great field possession.

OCS (7-1, 2-0) started their first drive of the second quarter from Cedar Creek's 29 yard line, and the Creek defense stood tall again. Still, on fourth and five, Luke Vidrine connected with Vanderbilt commit Tate Hamby for a 25-yard pass up the middle as OCS took the lead 7-0 at 9:17 after a successful point after touchdown. On the ensuing drive,



Photo by Darrell James

Cedar Creek defenders Gray Worthey (5) and Lawson Lillo (1) put the clamps on Ouachita Christian's Makin Lenard during the first half of Friday night's District 2-1A battle.

the Cougars marched down to the OCS 8 yard line, but a dropped pass on fourth down gave the Eagles possession again.

OCS moved down the field to the Cougar five yard line as running back Makin Lenard scored from 5 yards out with 36 seconds left in the half with the lead now 14-0 after the PAT.

After halftime, both teams traded blows for most of the quarter, but with 22 seconds remaining, Lenard scored on a 2-yard rush, pushing the lead 21-0 with the PAT being good.

The Cougars went three and out, and Hamby returned the punt for 55 yards to the house, extending the lead to 28-0 with 9:23 left in the

ball game.

To cap off the night, Lenard scored his third touchdown with 2:47 left with a successful PAT, which gave the Eagles the 35-0 victory.

"We just have to learn from this loss and capitalize on our opportunities and keep getting better and staying together, and we'll be just fine," said Parkerson.

Ladd Thompson paced the Creek offense with 148 total yards, 114 of that through the air. Lillo led the Cougars defensively with 11 total tackles while Gray Worthey added 10.

The Cougars face Lincoln Parish rival Lincoln Prep Friday at 7 p.m. at Panther Stadium in Grambling.

2nd Annual First Pitch Event

BASEBALL IN THE BAYOU

OCTOBER 26

Corporate Cats would like to invite you to the **2nd Annual First Pitch Event: Baseball in the Bayou**. This event benefits the RHS Baseball Program and will include silent and live auctions, a catered dinner, and entertainment. Funds raised from this event will be used to purchase equipment, to supplement travel expenses, to provide team meals, and for other miscellaneous updates needed throughout the facility.

Join us for an evening of fun to celebrate the upcoming season by purchasing tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/rhsbaseallevent2023>

Our online auction opened on October 11th. Place your bids at <http://tinyurl.com/rhsbaseballauction2023>

We would love to have your support for our program.



Rollins dominates, RHS sweeps Neville in prep volleyball action

By Matt Belinson
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Ruston volleyball (23-7) swept its non-district rival Neville (25-16, 25-15, 25-8) in front of a packed crowd at the Ruston Sports Complex Thursday.

The match started slow for the Bearcats with uncharacteristic service errors and passing mistakes, but the team rallied when it needed to and got big time performances throughout its top-line starters to key role players off the bench.

Senior middle Hannah Rollins led the team with 15 kills and 3 blocks – a season high for a single match. Harper Cauley put up 6 kills and 10 digs, while Jade Smith ended at 5 kills and 3 blocks. Allie Richardson and Mariah White tallied 3 aces each, while Kyndal Fobbs and Ellie Koonce put down a pair of aces.

“We didn’t come in super worried and when you can get by with it, then you can play like that,” Ruston head coach Amanda Cauley said. “That’s why we’re going down south back-to-back weekends. It’s like, no, this can’t be the comfort zone. We’re better than that and we’re going to get better.”

Set one started and stayed tight, with the score tied at 4-4 and 8-8 as the Bearcats had trouble handling the short serves of the Tigers while facing some communication issues on offense. But after a kill from Jade Smith made it 13-12 Ruston, the home squad never relinquished the lead, ending the frame on a 12-4 run with strong aces from Richardson and big swings from



Photo by Darrell James

Ruston senior Hannah Rollins (4) had a team-high 15 kills in the Bearcats’ sweep over Neville on Thursday at the Ruston Sports Complex.

Rollins.

Ruston began set two trailing again, this time with Neville jumping in front 4-1. But three-straight kills from Rollins brought the Bearcats back in the game and eventually tying the frame up at 7-7.

Fobbs stepped up to the service line for the Bearcats and steadied the waters, setting up Ruston to receive out-of-system hits from the Tigers while adding an ace to give her team a 12-9 lead. Neville hung around a bit longer, but the Bearcats eventually took the second set thanks to a 13-3 run.

The third set was the Bearcats’ best after breaking a 4-4 tie to explode for a 21-4 run the

rest of the frame. Ruston had big kills from Rollins and Harper in the dominant win.

Cauley said Rollins’ consistency at the net propelled the Bearcats to victory.

“She was definitely our most dominant attacker, and I even told her in the first set, ‘Quit tipping. Go for it. We trust you. Give us the big swings,’” Cauley said of Rollins. “She was connecting the best with Baylor and so I’m glad we were able to score off that. Harper did well from the outside as well but Hannah is just steady and she was trying to be a positive leader tonight.”

Along with the big night from Rollins, Cau-

ley gave credit to Fobbs, White, and Koonce for providing a spark off the bench at the service line to set the Bearcats up for easy offense.

“We were able to utilize everyone off the bench tonight and I definitely thought they came in and served well and Ellie did too,” Cauley said. “She doesn’t get a lot of varsity time, but she came in and served us out.”

Ruston continued its competitive stretch this weekend at the Isidore Newman Tournament Friday and Saturday and will return for its home finale and senior night on Thursday against West Ouachita at the Ruston Sports Complex.

Tigers fall to powerhouse Many 38-6 in district action

By Matt Belinson
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Jonesboro-Hodge (2-6, 0-3 district) dropped its fourth game in a row in a 38-6 loss to No. 7 Many (5-2, 3-0 district) on Thursday, with the Tigers unable to contain the explosiveness of the defending state champions for long.

J-Hodge was in the ballgame down 14-6 with 30 seconds before halftime, but LSU commit Tylen Singleton went 65 yards to the house on a post route to put Many up 21-6 at the intermission.

Interim head coach Carlos Hicks said that play, and the missed opportunities around it, cost J-Hodge a chance to get back in the win column.

“The score was closer than it looks to be honest,” Hicks said. “We were right there and I thought we played our best game all year. And then their LSU commit makes that big catch with about 30 seconds left and that was the backbreaker right there. We had an opportunity to tie it before that but our receiver dropped a touchdown in the end-zone. Against a good team like that, you can’t do that type of stuff.”

During its losing streak, J-Hodge has allowed over 30 points on defense while not scoring at least 20 points on offense since a 40-0 win over Lincoln Prep on Sept. 21.

J-Hodge couldn’t overcome five turnovers and failed to get on the scoreboard again, but Hicks said he’s proud of how the Tigers continued to claw away at Many throughout the night.

The Tigers’ lone score came when quarterback Simeon Malone hit Da’Marius Burns for a 79-yard touchdown. Malone finished 14-of-34 for 218 yards and a score but had 5 interceptions.

“I’m proud of our kids because they fought well against a good team,” Hicks said. “Now, as coaches, it’s can we carry this over the next two weeks and play like that? We just gotta keep pushing them and encouraging them. The team morale isn’t down.

“They’re fighters and they’re strong. We as coaches just have to do a better job of getting the ready to play and put them in position to make plays,” he continued.

J-Hodge returns to action Friday on the road at Lakeview (3-4, 0-2 district).

Tech offensive lineman Delfin named nominee to Wuerffel Trophy

Louisiana Tech Sports

Louisiana Tech offensive lineman Abraham Delfin was one of 102 FBS college football players nominated for the 2023 Wuerffel Trophy, the organization announced Thursday.

The Wuerffel Trophy is known as “College Football’s Premier Award for Community Service.” Named after 1996 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback from the University of Florida, Danny Wuerffel, the Wuerffel Trophy is presented in February annually in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

The trophy exists to honor college football players who serve others, celebrate their positive impact on society and inspire greater service worldwide.

The Plaquemine native and seventh-year senior has made 33 career starts and appeared in 59 total games during his collegiate career.

He has played a pivotal role in the Bulldogs’ five games this season in which they have rushed for over 100 yards. Delfin has participated in numerous community service events

at Tech, including Dogs with a Cause, the Big Event, and 4 Paws.

In addition to his community service and on-the-field performance, Delfin has excelled in the classroom, making the most of his seven years in Ruston. Delfin has a bachelor’s degree in Construction Engineering and Technology with a minor in Business Administration.

In addition to his bachelor’s degree, he has a Master’s of Business Administration and a Master of Science Engineering and Technology Management.

The Wuerffel Trophy is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA), which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 25 awards now boast more than 800 recipients, dating back to 1935.

Louisiana Tech continues its 2023 season on Tuesday, when it hosts New Mexico State at 6 p.m. inside Joe Aillet Stadium. The game will be televised to a national audience on CBS Sports Network.



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Louisiana Tech center Abraham Delfin is a nominee for the Wuerffel Trophy, known as “College Football’s Premier Award for Community Service.”



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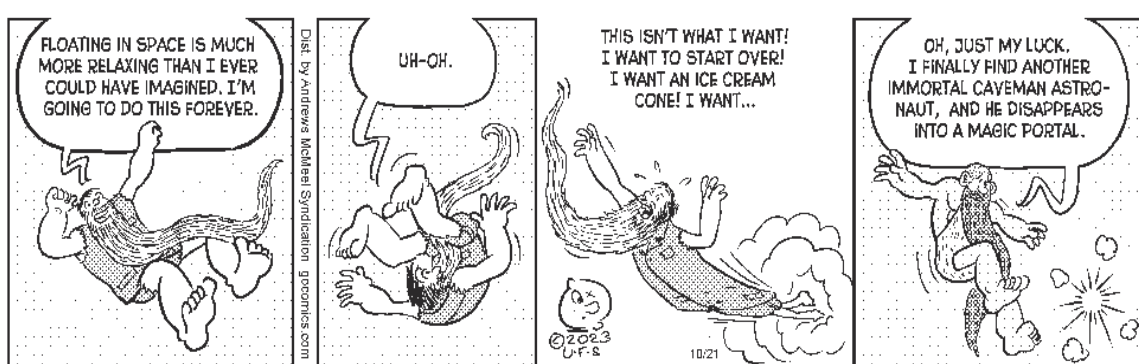

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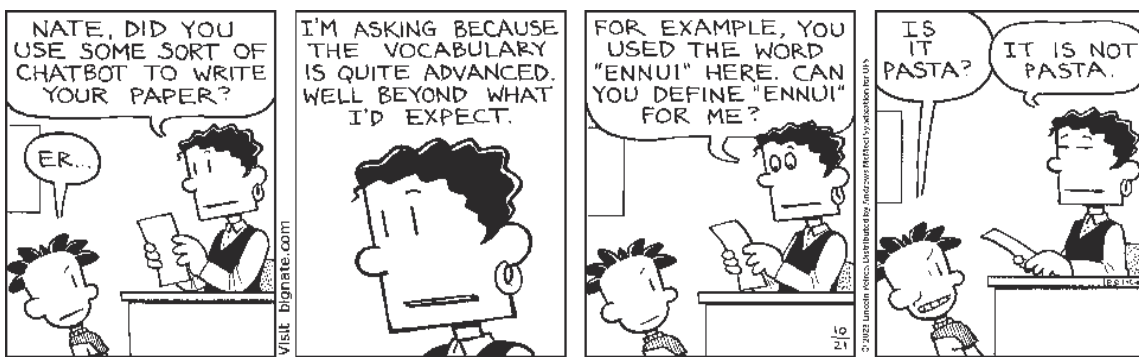
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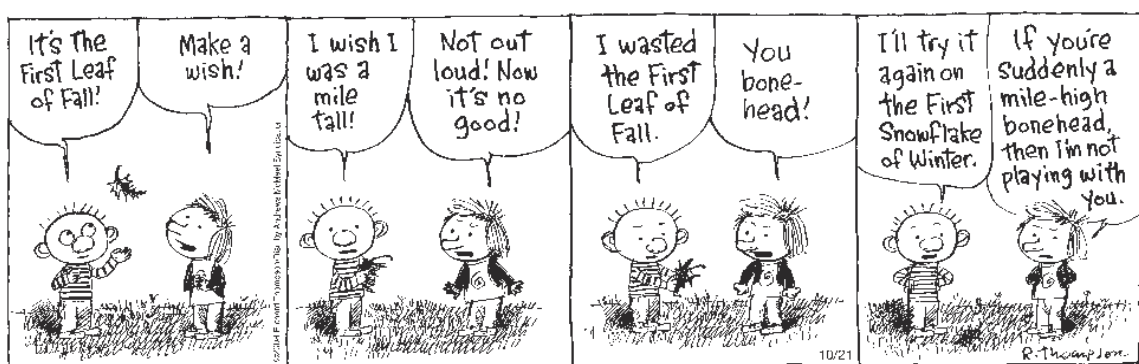
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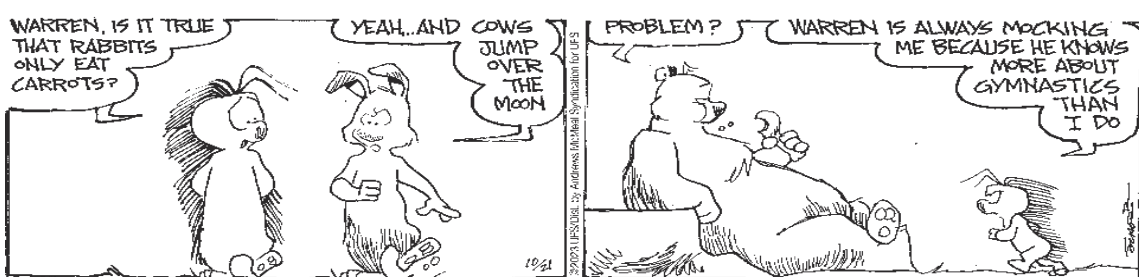
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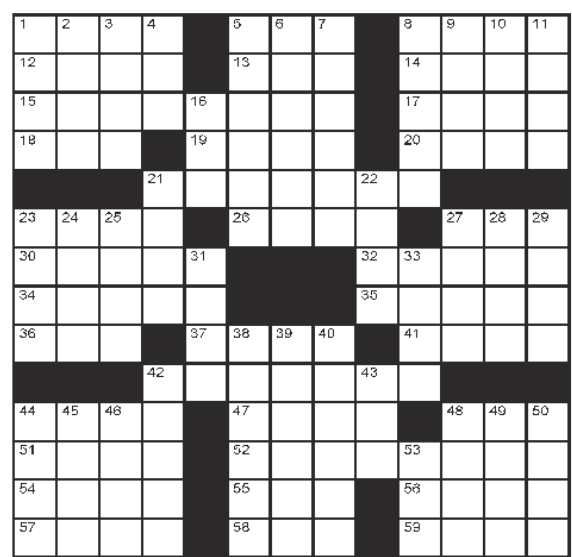
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Look for a unique way to handle pushy people and unscrupulous situations. A proactive approach will thwart anyone trying to take advantage of you. Self-improvement is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Speaking up and saying what's on your mind will help you move forward. Honesty and integrity may take work, but they will help you clarify your position and choices. Make necessary changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Get your facts straight, share your thoughts and concerns, and make a difference. An articulate assertion of what you propose to do will help you build confidence and gain support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Stick to your plan and don't stop until you reach your goal. Your enthusiasm will ignite onlookers, inspiring them to help out. A joint venture will help you save money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Bewary of anyone trying to push you in a questionable direction. Stick to a budget, regardless of temptation or bullying. A firm position will make it difficult for anyone to

trip you up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Make your money work for you. Use your skills strategically and make alterations as you move forward. A change of heart might disrupt your plans. A financial or partnership opportunity is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Reach out and connect with people with something to offer. Don't make unnecessary changes to show off. Take care of your responsibilities and live up to your promises.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Accept the inevitable and make it work in your favor. Keep your life simple, stick to what works best for you and optimize your talents to ensure you get the most out of everything you pursue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- With hard work, you can stabilize your position and boost your reputation. Don't expect everyone to be happy for you. A jealous onlooker will try to muscle their way into the spotlight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Dump the routine and delve into something challenging. Explore your options, learn something new and help a cause you care about. An unexpected opportunity will blossom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep a low profile. A sensitive situation will spin out of control if you are too vocal or pushy. Don't mix business with pleasure or complain about your work problems at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take advantage of learning opportunities. Adopt a routine that is new and exciting. Take responsibility for your happiness. Join forces with someone who shares your likes and dislikes.

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approaches to I-20 bridges. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter to adopt the resolution. Resolution No. 23-21 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Parish Police Jury, in exchange for the prior transfer by the State of Louisiana of the following described property to Lincoln Parish, agrees to record its previous acceptance of ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD" or "Department"), may have owned, with the exception of any and all mineral rights, in and to the following described property and all rights, obligations and liabilities, including, but not limited to, all operation, maintenance, and repairs associated therewith, for its operation and maintenance as a parish road: Segment LP-2 - The portion of former state route LA 563 (known as Dicks Store Road) from its intersection with the local road known as Mondy Road. Segment LP-2 - The portion of former state route LA 563 (known as Dicks Store Road) from its intersection with the local road known as Mondy Road proceeding north approximately 1.12 miles to its intersection with state routes LA 3005 and LA 563. Segment LP-3 - The portion of former state route LA 816 (known in parts as Madden Road and Belton Road) from its intersection with the local road known as Mondy Road proceeding north approximately 1.41 miles to its intersection with state routes LA 3005. WHEREAS, The Lincoln Parish Police Jury agrees to accept a servitude, for the use of roadways and any adjacent rights of way, over the following described property owned by the Department (hereinafter "servitude for roadway use"), and agrees to accept all future rights, duties, obligations, responsibilities, and liabilities associated with its use, operation, and maintenance as a parish road, subject to the reservation of the Department's ownership rights as well as the Department's right to terminate the servitude in the event that the Department, in its sole discretion, finds such termination necessary or convenient in connection with the performance of its functions: Segment 1S - The portion of the western leg of the road known as Walnut Creek Road from the south approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding southwest approximately 0.15 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 1N - The portion of the western leg of the road known as Walnut Creek Road from the north approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding northeast approximately 0.16 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 2S - The portion of the eastern leg of the road known as Walnut Creek Road from the south approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding southwest approximately 0.27 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 2N - The portion of the eastern leg of the road known as Walnut Creek Road from the north approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding northeast approximately 0.17 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 3S - The portion of the road known as Chandler Road (Parish Road 442) from the south approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding southerly approximately 0.13 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 3N - The portion of the road known as Chandler Road (Parish Road 442) from the north approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding northerly approximately 0.09 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 4S - The portion of the road known as Pipes Road from the south approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding south approximately 0.14 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 4N - The portion of the road known as Pipes Road from the north approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding north approximately 0.14 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 5S - The portion of the road known as Harris Road from the south approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding southwest approximately 0.11 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. Segment 5N - The portion of the road known as Harris Road from the north approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding southerly approximately 0.14 miles to the limit of DOTD

maintenance. Segment 6N - The portion of the road known as Norris Road (Parish Road 43) from the north approach slab to the interstate 1-20 overpass proceeding northerly approximately 0.12 miles to the limit of DOTD maintenance. The Lincoln Parish Police Jury agrees to accept ownership of the above described rights in and to the aforesaid described property at the proper time and under the conditions specified herein below: CONDITION 1: Provide repairs to include patch, overlay with hot mix asphaltic concrete, and striping the resurfaced pavement for the portions of the interstate 1-20 overpass approaches known as Walnut Creek Road (west and east), Chandler Road, Pipes Road, Harris Road and Norris Road to be granted a servitude for roadway use to Lincoln Parish. CONDITION 1: DOTD shall provide Road Transfer credit in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$773,602.00) in the Lincoln Parish for the servitude for roadway use for the portions of approaches to interstate 1-20 overpasses, that are not part of the federal system, to be granted to Lincoln Parish. These funds may only be expended on activities allowed under La. R.S. 48:753(a). The amount of Road Transfer credit to be provided under this condition is calculated pursuant to a present worth 40-year maintenance valuation whereby DOTD determines the cost of maintaining the road in the state highway system for 40 years from the present date. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Parish Police Jury shall accept ownership of whatever rights the Department may own in and to the aforesaid described property as a binding agreement between the Department and the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, provided the Department shall comply with the relevant condition(s) stated herein. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Parish Police Jury authorizes the presiding President of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the transfer of the aforesaid described property at the proper time. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Parish Police Jury hereby represents that it has received approval from a majority of the state legislative delegation from Lincoln Parish of the actions contemplated herein. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield and Straughter. Following a brief description of procedural requirements for conducting a Board of Review and holding the necessary public hearings for the property tax assessment process for the year 2023, Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to recess the Police Jury meeting and reconvene as the Board of Review. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield and Straughter. Following a brief description of procedural requirements for conducting a Board of Review and holding the necessary public hearings for the property tax assessment process for the year 2023, Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to recess the Police Jury meeting and reconvene as the Board of Review. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield and Straughter. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adjourn the Board of Review and reconvene the regular Police Jury Meeting. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Under New Business, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to authorize an advertisement for bids for FY 2021 CDBG-CV HVAC Improvements. The motion

carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Next item on the Agenda was to authorize the substantial completion on the Health Unit Utility Relocation Project. After discussion, Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to authorize substantial completion for the Health Unit Utility Relocation Project. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Next on the Agenda was to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for FY 2024/25 LCDBG Grant Application. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for FY 2024-25 LCDBG Grant Application. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Next on the agenda was the introduction of an Ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property, Parcel No. 19181000076. ORDINANCE NO. ____ AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE PARISH OF LINCOLN TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL NO. 19181000076 IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.A.R.S. 47:2202 ET SEQ. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY PRESIDENT TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO ADDRESS THEIR MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO. WHEREAS, the immovable property described below was adjudicated to the Parish of Lincoln on June 18, 2013, for nonpayment of taxes; and WHEREAS, the three (3) year period for redemption provided by Art. 7, -825 of the Louisiana Constitution has elapsed, as well as the five (5) year redemption period established by Parish Ordinance No. 337-14-0 and the owner of record has failed to redeem the adjudicated property; and WHEREAS, L.A.R.S. 47:2202 et seq. provides that the Parish may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has declared the property described below surplus and to dispose of said property in accordance with L.A.R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln has received a written offer to purchase said property from Brandon J. Milner, for the consideration of \$1,949.93 (One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents) cash, has been accepted by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury; and WHEREAS, the property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish, Aù Lot Next Door, Aù program and is therefore exempt from the public bidding requirement. NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements 1) This property described as Lincoln Parish Parcel # 19181000076 with no municipal address located on S Pine Street, Lincoln Parish, LA and more fully described as: Parcel# 19181000076 / No Municipal Address Brief Legal: 0 PINE ST BEG 126'S. OF D/O HWY. AND RUNNING S. ALONG THE E/L OF JOHN E. FORD'S LAND PURCHASED FROM THE D.E. FORDEST. 70' TO THE N/L OF PARDUE PROP. TH. E. ALONG N/L OF PARDUE PROP. 66', N 71' 10", W 66' TO POB, SEC 19-18-1 Legal Description: Beginning 126 feet south of Dixie Overland Highway and running South along the east line of John E. Ford's land purchased from the D.E. Ford Estate 70 feet to the north line of the Pardue property, thence East along North line of Pardue property 66 ft, thence North 71 feet and 10 inches, thence west 66 feet to point of beginning. In Section 19, Township 18 N. R. 1 West. 2) This property shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq., without any warranty, from either the Parish or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price. 3) The sale shall be on a form approved by the Parish Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at the time of the sale. 4) The sale shall include a

reservation of all mineral rights to the Parish, but shall convey all surface rights. 5) The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale: a. E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the Parish Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Lincoln and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records. b. E&P Consulting Services, LLC will provide notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the conveyance records of Lincoln Parish immediately after the Act of Sale. b. At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to Parish Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, that the Police Jury President is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated property to the highest acceptable bidder. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by T.J. Cranford, to introduce the Ordinance for the Sale of Adjudicated Property. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Next item on the agenda was to declare surplus property one CEIA Metal Detector with a minimum bid of \$500.00. After discussion, Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Joe Henderson, to authorize the President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana regarding Act 397 funding for Firefighter Air Packs in the amount of \$90,000.00. RESOLUTION NO. 23-22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 12th day of September 2023, does hereby authorize the Police Jury President, Richard I. Durrett, to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of the Treasurer regarding Act 397 Funding for Firefighter air packs in the amount of \$90,000.00. /s/ Richard I. Durrett Richard I. Durrett Police Jury President The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Next item on the agenda was to authorize the Administrator to sign documents necessary to obtain full ownership of the Feazel project for the Health Hub Project. Joe Henderson offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize the Administrator to sign documents necessary to obtain full ownership of the Feazel project. RESOLUTION 23-24. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 12th day of September, 2023, does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to sign documents necessary to obtain full ownership of the Feazel project for the Health Hub Project and Further Providing With Respect Thereto. /s/ Richard I. Durrett Police Jury President The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Treasurer Michael Sutton presented the budget report. For other business, Sharyon Mayfield offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve travel for the 2023 PJAL Region IV meeting. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughter. Following reports, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Skip Russell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes: YEAS: Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber,

er, Russell, Henderson, Melton, Mayfield, and Straughte Courtney Hall Richard I. Durrett Interim Parish Administrator Police Jury President Published in the Ruston Daily Leader, Ruston, LA, on Oct. 22, 2023



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ORDINANCE: #2023-003 (Amended) AN ORDINANCE to adjust and provide for a Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Jonesboro for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Section 1 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the Town of Jonesboro, Louisiana in special session on that the following budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the Town of Jonesboro, LA for the fiscal year 2023-2024, be the same and is hereby fixed and established by law. Town of Jonesboro Annual Report of the Budget (R.S. 39:1306) Budget for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 Estimated Revenue and other Financing Sources: Taxes: Ad valorem \$161,904.00 General sales and use \$1,052,000.00 Lieu of Taxes \$12,000.00 Utility Franchise Fees \$ 177,000.00 Chain Store \$ 2,000.00 Penalties and Interest \$250.00 Licenses and Permits \$ 180,000.00 Intergovernmental Revenues \$ 61,553.00 Fees, Charges and Commissions for Service \$ 324,300.00 Fines, forfeitures and Bond fees \$ 50,000.00 Interest, rents and royalties \$ 40,000.00 Other sources \$ 20,000.00 Transfer In/Out Street Ad valorem \$ 113,000.00 Transfer In/Out Fire Ad valorem \$ 113,000.00 Transfer In/Out Street Sales Tax \$1,050,000.00 Total Estimated Revenues and Other Financing Sources \$3,357,007.00 Estimated Expenditures and Other Financing Uses: General Government: Airport \$ 65,000.00 Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Financing Uses Excess (deficit) of Revenues Estimated Beginning fund balance Estimated ending fund balance \$3,520,170.00 \$ 62,837.00 \$ 412,901.00 \$ 475,738.00 SECTION II This ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption and publication. SECTION III All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance. SECTION IV BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, that no official or employee shall be permitted to expend any amount in excess of the said budget as herein established unless the revenue of the said Town shall be received from other sources to provide for the said excess expenditures, and not then unless same shall be submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for approval. SECTION V BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED BY THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Jonesboro that if any item or provision, including any section, exception, part, phrase or term, or the application thereof is held invalid, the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and the validity of this ordinance in any and all other respects shall not be affected thereby. If any phrase, clause, word or other portion of this ordinance is held invalid or Published in the Ruston Daily Leader, Ruston, LA, on Oct. 22, 2023

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JPSO makes two arrests in series of homicides

By Brian Trahan
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The Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office has made an arrest in the murder of Devontre "Dee" Jackson, which occurred on Oct. 7, and has made an arrest in a third shooting death that took place Wednesday.

Jackson was gunned down along Hwy. 167 between North Hodge and Quitman, while a female passenger was also wounded in the attack.

Kurae Cottonham of Jonesboro was arrested on 2nd degree murder and attempted 2nd degree murder charges stemming from the Jackson shooting. He currently has no bond, and the case is still under investigation.

"We did make the arrest of Cottonham, but this is ongoing and our evidence suggests there may be more people involved in this case," Jackson Parish Sheriff Andy Brown said. "We're asking the public for help with this." Brown said that ballistic re-

ports matched that of a weapon found in Cottonham's possession, which is believed to be the murder weapon in the Jackson shooting.

A third homicide occurred along Gansville Road in the southwest portion of Jonesboro Wednesday. The JPSO received a 911 call regarding a shooting and responded to the scene to find a male with a gunshot wound. They transported the victim to Jackson Parish Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

After processing the scene and following leads, Brown said they made one arrest late Wednesday night of a juvenile. He was careful to point out that this third case is also an ongoing investigation, with other people of interest being sought. Three other suspects are being sought, one local and two from the Shreveport area.

The third homicide is believed to be a robbery attempt after the victim posted a photo with a large sum of money on social media.



Courtesy photo

Summit Financial ribbon cutting ceremony

Summit Financial Wealth Advisors gathered with members of the local business community and the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 2 to celebrate its ribbon cutting at 2102 Floyd Park Dr., Suite 5, in Ruston. For years, Summit Financial has been working closely with individuals, families and businesses to develop customized financial solutions to address their unique goals. For more information, call their office at 318-255-0035.

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of Supervisors Wednesday for the Tech president role after the board decided on Oct. 9 to suspend its typical search procedure and invite Henderson as the sole candidate.

Faculty questioned him on why he'd want to go down the totem pole and take a lower-paying job at Tech.

"My reason for leaving the work I'm doing now to come to this institution is not a financial decision," Henderson said. "It's one about passion. When I took this role in Baton Rouge, it was always with the intent to return to university life. I get great intrinsic value, great energy, from working directly with students and faculty."

A former Northwestern State president who's served as UL System chief for seven years, Henderson was asked repeatedly to explain the lack of an open search to replace the retiring Les Guice and to defend his qualifications.

He also fielded a litany of questions, mostly from faculty, ranging from funding challenges and research priorities to athletics and freedom of speech.

"This did nothing but increase my enthusiasm to help move this institution forward," Henderson said of his visit.

Skiping the search

When the floor was opened up to the public, Bill Jones, a former state senator and Tech alumnus, grilled Henderson on the process that has led to his presumably being named Guice's successor with no competition.

He also cited Henderson's graduate degrees from online programs in management and administration compared to Guice and former Tech president Dan Reneau's engineering degrees from top-tier research programs like Clemson and Texas A&M.

"How can we possibly have any confidence that you're the best person for the job?" Jones asked.

Henderson said his track record has been "nothing but a steady stream of success" and said the university presidents under his purview regularly seek his advice in governance.

"My track record is without blemish in empowering every organization I've led to be a better iteration of itself," he said.

As far as the search process, he said he's "not afraid" of competition, but his being named the only candidate was the board's call. He said a full search wouldn't be fair to anyone but him because of the nature of his current position.

Tech lecturer and University Senate President Louis Reis, who invited Henderson to visit campus, said faculty hoped the move would revive a portion of the typical search process that the system board has waived.

"It at least gives us a chance to meet the person," Reis said. "If he is chosen, our faculty and staff now have an idea of what his vision is... we can get to work day one and not waste any time."

"We tried to restore a little bit of the process by at least bringing him in. I hope the board may consider looking at other candidates, even if they do have him on their minds."

As far as Henderson's qualifications, Reis sees advantages and disadvantages.

"He's not from a (Carnegie R1 research) university, doesn't have any experience in that," he said. "He does have very firsthand experience in some of the issues that are unique to Louisiana, that even if we did a national search I think some candidates would be alarmed by some of the issues that Louisiana uniquely

faces."

The Carnegie Classification is a widely accepted framework that measures research activity and places research universities into tiers. Tech is an R2 university, meaning high levels of research activity.

The UL System has one R1 university (very high levels of research): University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Vision for Tech

In his opening remarks, Henderson recounted how during his tenure Northwestern State raised money to restore to students a 30% cut Louisiana made from its TOPS scholarship program.

"If there's one thing that's non-negotiable for an institute of higher learning, it's to fulfill your commitment to students," Henderson said.

He said status as an R1 research institution is "absolutely in the future" for Tech.

Getting there will take funding, and faculty had many questions and concerns about Tech's financial status. Henderson made hints that if appointed, he would be eyeing landing an unrestricted endowment for research at Tech upwards of \$150 million, and said he'd already been talking to potential donors on that front.

Members of the University Senate said they aggregated questions submitted by faculty, and many said they were concerned about "perceived lack of financial transparency" from the university.

Henderson told stories about his time at Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern State, where he said he would walk the faculty senate president through the school's financial state-

ments line by line.

There were also questions about athletics and what role it should play in the Tech hierarchy.

Louisiana State University made national headlines earlier this year when football coach Brian Kelly said LSU would always build its athletics facilities before the academic ones.

Henderson described athletics as a primary connection point between the com-

munity and a university, but he said it cannot take budget priority over academics at a research institution like Tech.


"You can tell a lot about an institution by looking at its budget, what it prioritizes," he said. "The priority at this institution is scholarship and research. Athletics has got to be a supplement to that. It cannot be a drain to that."

But he also said Tech must work to put the

best possible product on the field of play in order to draw in more fundraising.

"People don't give to need - they give to excellence," Henderson said. "So we have to give them an excellent product to consider giving to."

Henderson is slated to interview with the system board for the Tech presidency Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Baton Rouge, after a public comment forum at 6 p.m.




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Leadership among Tech faculty still hope to convince the board, who so far have only invited Henderson to interview, to open up the search to other candidates.

Those who wish to give comment to the board on the Tech president search but won't be able to attend the meeting can submit feedback at ulsystem.edu/presidential-search/louisiana-tech-university-presidential-search-comments.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "You bet!"
 - 5 "Of course!"
 - 8 Ignore
 - 12 Coagulate
 - 13 Prov. in Canada
 - 14 Shredded
 - 15 Big snake
 - 17 Cold War inits.
 - 18 Naughty
 - 19 Mine entrance
 - 20 Unmixed, said of liquor
 - 21 Stave off
 - 23 Luminary
 - 26 Update the decor
 - 27 Dye-filled vessel
 - 30 Start of a toast
 - 32 Layered rock
 - 34 Kind of daisy
 - 35 Hurriedness
 - 36 School org.
- DOWN**
- 1 Not a striker
 - 2 Radius neighbor
 - 3 Highway
 - 4 Catchall abbr.
 - 5 Wild Blue —

TODAY'S ANSWERS

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- 6 Salad plant
- 7 Said
- 8 Daredevil's feat
- 9 Proboscis
- 10 — Major
- 11 Ernie's Muppet pal
- 16 Scull
- 21 Victim
- 22 Between-meals snack
- 23 Boutique
- 24 Message by phone
- 25 Length x width
- 27 Bouquet holder
- 28 Singing voice
- 29 Young person
- 31 "—, and ye shall find"
- 33 Mitt
- 38 Leaned
- 39 Not so zippy
- 40 Detective — Queen
- 42 Subway entrance
- 43 Nearly an eternity
- 44 Yelp
- 45 Portent
- 46 Busy as — —
- 48 Name for a pooch
- 49 Raise
- 50 "Your wish — — command"
- 53 Tit-for- —

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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TODAY'S ANSWERS

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8	9	4	3	5	6	7	1	2
7	5	6	4	1	2	3	8	9
5	9	8	2	7	4	9	3	1
6	1	4	9	3	5	2	7	8
2	3	7	6	1	8	9	4	5

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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Celebrity Cipher

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"VDAVND AR LABZLUDBLD BDDG
FA HTDOJ FWDUT FUDZ PUFW
LATVATOFUABZ RUBOBLUBS FWD
UBMCZFULD AR LNUXOFD LWOBSD."
— GDZXABG FCFC

"People of conscience need to break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change." — Desmond Tutu

TODAY'S CLUE: J equals K

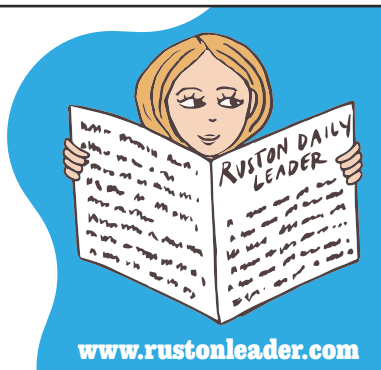
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