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WEBSTER'S OWN DEVIN WHITE WINS FIRST SUPER BOWL RING

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Special to the Press-Herald

With just a minute to play, Webster Parish's own Devin White picked off Patrick Mahomes on the goal line to put the final nail in the Chiefs' coffin and clinch Tampa Bay's 31-9 victory over the defending NFL champions.

The high-powered Kansas City offense failed to launch all night. The Buccaneers defense led by White held Mahomes without a touchdown and gave the 24-year-old superstar the first double-digit loss of his pro career.

The Second-Team All-Pro inside linebacker wrapped up a stellar second season with a game-high 12 tackles (eight solo), including two for a loss, and the interception. Mahomes went 26-of-49 for 270 yards with two INTs, including the one to White and another to rookie safety Antoine Winfield, Jr.

While an overwhelming majority of media attention is being directed toward 43-year-old Tom Brady, who won his seventh Super Bowl ring — and fifth MVP — in 10 appearances, his first since leaving the New England Patriots with whom he spent the past 20 seasons, the Bucs defense deserves the lions share of the credit.

White and company limited the Chiefs to 350 total yards, but more impressively only allowed three third-down conversions out of 13 and just one of three on fourth down.

The 22-year-old from North Webster High School was one of six LSU players in Super Bowl LV, including teammate Leonard Fournette, who rushed for 89 yards on 16 carries and scored



TAMPA BAY BUCS/COURTESY PHOTO
North Webster legend Devin White delivered a game-high 12 tackles in the Bucs Super Bowl win over the Chiefs on Sunday.

on a 27-yard touchdown run to break the game open in the third quarter.

"The whole team is unselfish," said White. "Think about this: We had one Pro Bowler and we were able to win the Super Bowl. How does that sound? It doesn't sound good.

"How do we have only one Pro Bowler but a team with no Pro Bowlers is able to go on and win the Super Bowl?

"Something's not right, but that's not what we played for,"

continued the Cotton Valley native. "We played for the bigger picture. One team, one goal, and that's to put rings on our fingers."

The win marks only the second Super Bowl victory — and appearance — in franchise history. The Bucs, who finished 15-5 overall after posting an 11-5 regular-season mark, defeated the then-Oakland Raiders 48-21 in January 2003.

White, who turns 23 on Feb. 17, would have been five years old at the time.

ST. JUDE'S

AUCTION RAISES

OVER \$1.6 MILLION



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Melissa Brown and Laura Hollingsworth hold up a check with the final tally of funds raised through Minden St. Jude Auction, totaling \$1,600,349. Due to a last minute donation of the Grand Prize back to the auction by Grand Prize Winner Patricia Powell, the new total is \$1,650,349.

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden St. Jude Auction kept up it's breakneck speeds of fundraising raising a whopping \$1,650,349 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and pursuit of letting no child suffer from cancer. In spite of an international pandemic, event organizers, volunteers, and generous donors all came together to ensure that the Minden St. Jude Auction was as much a force for good as the previous years.

"We got back together through zoom meetings and telephone conversations, and we decided, after taking polls, that we would go forward and we would do whatever we could do, and that whatever bid raised was more than if we weren't here at all," said Event Organizer Melissa Brown.

Laura Hollingsworth, Event Organizer, added, "Kids didn't stop getting sick throughout the pandemic. We have local families that got diagnosed that had to be up there on their own. So we just decided that Minden and Webster Parish and all the surrounding areas were still gonna do

whatever little bit we could do."

Thanks to the work of those at St. Jude, one of those families was able to attend the auction in person this year after having to spend roughly eight months as an inpatient at the hospital.

Hutton Hays along with his mother Cristi Garrett spoke of their experience at the hospital, being a first hand receiver of the cause that Minden works to support every year.

"It feels really good to be well finally," said Hays. It's gonna be a year ago on the tenth of February that I went to the hospital with back and chest pains, and they came back and told me it was most likely lymphoma leukemia, and got sent to St. Jude."

He admitted that his mother more than likely had a better recollection of their time in the hospital than he did. Their time there was also unique because Hays was admitted mere weeks before the pandemic came along and changed the protocols of the hospital, the most difficult of which they mentioned was not being able to have friends

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ST. JUDE: Auction set to surpass 2020 amount



Seen is the group of amazing volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to make the Minden St. Jude Auction as successful as ever..

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and family over to visit.

“It’s a wonderful place. We’re so thankful that we were able to go there. We had some rough patches, and it was during COVID, so I had to do it by myself. We couldn’t have family members there,” said Garrett.

However, even with the difficulties they faced during their time there, the doctors, nurses, and staff there did an excellent job, and stated that the experience wasn’t like staying in a traditional hospital.

“The nurses and the doctors and the staff there, there’s just no words to express how wonderful they are, and it was great not to have to worry about paying bills, they just take care of everything you could pos-

sibly need while you’re there,” said Garrett.

“We’re so thankful for this auction and the supporters who give. They give from their hearts and they don’t even know our story. We’re so thankful for that as well.”

Hayes went on to say, “It’s a weird feeling. We’ve always watched it, but you look at it completely differently once you’ve been to St. Jude and see what all the money goes to.

“I just want to thank everyone for everything they give to St. Jude, so people like me can live, I guess you’d say, and not have to worry about anything.”

The Minden St. Jude Auction has always viewers and listeners tuning into the auction when they weren’t able to be there physically for the event. This coupled with

most adapting to taking parts in events virtually, the auction saw an overwhelming amount of support through their website, raking in raffles months before the auction even started.

“We opened up and our numbers were great. The internet blew us out once again this year,” said Brown.

“For our Grand Prize tickets we were at over 3200. I don’t know if we’ve ever sold that many grand prizes.”

“We can’t remember a time that we’ve had,” added Hollingsworth.

The winners for some of the big-ticket raffles include Patricia Powell who won herself the coveted western themed playhouse on top of the Grand Prize as well. For the Partners In Hope Raffles, the winner of the \$5000 Cash prize was Jes-

sica Murdock, the winner of the Disneyworld Trip was Denise Garcin, and the winner of the TV Package was Mark Killingworth.

As a cherry on top for an St. Jude Auction unlike any of the past, the Grand Prize Raffle Winner Patricia Powell, in a selfless display of philanthropy made to honor the memory of her husband who passed away, chose to donate the cash prize of \$50,000 back to St. Jude.

“She said she was so excited because what she wanted to do was donate it back. She and her husband Jimmy, who passed away a few years back, they’ve always been big supporters, and she knows that that’s what he would want as well. That no child should have to suffer with cancer,” said Hollingsworth.

LOUISIANA

Fewer Louisiana workers make new claims for unemployment benefits; continued claims rise

DAVID JACOBS

The Center Square

(The Center Square)

– The number of people requesting state unemployment benefits rose slightly last week, although the number of new claims fell, the Louisiana Workforce Commission said Friday.

Both numbers remain well above what state officials typically would have seen before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continued claims for unemployment benefits for the week ending Jan. 30 increased to 65,649, compared with the prior week’s total of 64,916. For a pre-pandemic comparison, 16,189 continued claims were filed for the week ending Feb. 1, 2020.

New unemployment insurance claims for the week ending Jan. 30 dropped to 10,376 from the previous week’s total of 12,004. During the week ending Feb. 1, 2020, 2,058 initial claims were filed, the LWC said.

The number of new claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, a federal program for workers who don’t normally qualify for state benefits, such as independent contractors, also fell last week, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Residents made 4,050 new claims last week compared with 5,142 the week before.

For the week that ended Jan. 16, the most-recent week the federal government has reported, Louisiana workers made 121,768 continued claims for PUA, an increase of 2,880 from the prior week.

The number of state residents filing for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, which is for unemployed workers who have exhausted their state benefits, also increased, according

to the federal labor department. Workers filed 61,499 PEUC claims during the week that ended Jan. 16, almost 6,500 more than the week before.

Louisiana’s December unemployment rate fell by 1.3 percentage points from November to 6.9%. The unemployment rate fell in all nine of Louisiana’s metro areas, the state Workforce Commission said.

The state added 5,400 private-sector jobs month-to-month, although private sector employment was down 74,300 jobs compared with December 2019.

The state employment and unemployment numbers have not been adjusted to reflect seasonal workforce trends.

December unemployment rates for Louisiana’s nine metro areas, which have not been seasonally adjusted:

- Alexandria: 5.0%, down from 6.0% in November and down from 5.4% in December 2019;
- Baton Rouge: 6.1%, down from 7.2% in November, but up from 4.5% in December 2019;
- Hammond: 8.1%, down from 9.6% in November, but up from 5.6% in December 2019;
- Houma: 5.9%, down from 6.9% in November, but up from 4.5% in December 2019;
- Lafayette: 6.2%, down from 7.3% in November, but up from 4.9% in December 2019;
- Lake Charles: 7.7%, down from 9.7% in November, but up from 4.5% in December 2019;
- Monroe: 5.7%, down from 6.9% in November, but up from 5.6% in December 2019;
- New Orleans: 8.2%, down from 10.0% in November, but up from 4.5% in December 2019;
- Shreveport: 6.6%, down from 8.0% in November, but up from 5.2% in December 2019.

RECENT ARRESTS IN WEBSTER PARISH

Rachel Loindien, 30, of the 800 block of Norton Street, was arrested for an expired license plate and failure to appear in court.

Jimmy Shing, 30, of the 600 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for domestic abuse aggravated assault with child endangerment.

Delandro Washington, 59, of the 5100 block of Dorcheat Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Amanda Baxter, 18 of the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.

Kathleen Brown, 28, of the 100 block of Center Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Marloon Sanders, 40, of the 500 block of Pearl Farm Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Cindy Maxie, 48, of the 200 block of Martin Luther King Drive, was arrested for theft.

Keejon Fort, 20, of the 1500 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jeremy Grant, 28, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Johnny Key, 63, of the 400 block of East Union Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feleshia Whitfield, 55, of the 700 block of Peach Street, was arrested for running a stop sign and failure to appear in court.

Teresa Stock, 49, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for theft.

Jack Halterman, 47, of the 700 block of Pine Street, was arrested for improper lane usage and possession of a schedule II substance.

Dedrick Erving, 29, of

the 100 block of McArthur Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jeffery Cox, 52, of the 300 block of Nora Avenue, was arrested for violation of probation.

Margaret Wade, 31, of the 200 block of Audleman Road was arrested for failure to appear in court.

James Bailey, of the 800 block of Fort Avenue in Minden was arrested on a warrant.

Hannah Rocha, 27, of the 1200 block of Jack Martin Road, was arrested on two counts of possession of a schedule II substance.

WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES

Garrett Wayne Graves

Graveside services for Garrett Wayne Graves were held Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Officiating will be Rev. Chet Johnson. The family received friends from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at Rose-Neath Funeral Home prior service time.

Garrett was born May 14, 1995 in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest February 4, 2021 in

Shreveport, Louisiana.

He is survived by his mother, Melissa D. Graves of Camden, Arkansas; father Dean W. Graves of Crossett, Arkansas; maternal grandparents, Phil and Ann Demaline of Minden; sisters, Autumn Graves of Crossett, Arkansas and Megan Mathews of Minden; brother, Richard G. "Matt" Mathews, Jr. of Minden, and uncle, Daniel Demaline of Fort Worth, Texas.

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Mary Kathryn Dunning

Mary Kathryn Dunning peacefully passed on January 27, 2021 in her home in Star, Idaho. She was born April 11, 1932 in Booneville, Mississippi as Mary Kathryn Clayton. As a child she enjoyed working in the garden,

riding horses, and climbing trees. To all her uncles, she was known as "Kat." She met her husband, a dash-ing marine who "made her knees buckle" at a young age in a restaurant where she worked. The military determined where they lived for years, starting with Camp Pendleton in Southern California where their first two children were born, then Camp LeJeune in North Carolina where they had two more children. They later spent four years in Oahu, Hawaii which was an exciting adventure for the whole family. After her husband retired from the military, they settled in Min-den, Louisiana where they started a small business and had two more children. She soon had a gaggle of grandchildren running around with her two caboos-es. After her husband suffered a brain aneurism, she found herself caretaker to not only her children and grandchildren, but also her husband and her little sister, Leverne who had down syndrome. In 1976 she joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, something that would serve as a strength and joy throughout her life. Because of her influence and faithfulness, many of her family also joined the

church. Kathryn continued her love of gardening and horses and shared that love with her family, but she also loved to serve others in her church, including genealogy research. She lived a full life and was the glue that guided and held her family together. She will be cherished and remembered by so many.

She leaves behind 4 daughters: Donna Williams of Star ID, Kathy Edge and B.J. Pike of Minden LA, and Julie Dunning of Shreveport LA. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Tammy Warnick of Eagle ID, Cindy Gray of Star ID, Alayna and Austin Pike of Minden LA, Danielle Kirk of Homer LA, Sarah and John Edge of Minden LA, Nathan Edge of Ruston LA, Tawnya Dunning of Los Angeles CA, and Dennis Dun-ning Jr of Las Vegas NV. Great grandchildren: Payton, Leah, and Audrey Warnick of Eagle ID, Joshua Merritt of Colorado Springs CO, Christina Barnette of Marion AR, Quinton and Laura Merritt of Drasco AR, McKen-na , JT, and Preesley Edge of Minden LA, Bryce, Hollyn and Tyler Edge of Minden LA, and Jonathon Dunning of Las Vegas NV. Great-great grandchildren: Preslee, Olivia and Addie Barnette of Marion AR, and Luther Hooten of Drasco AR. She is preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Riley Dunning, two sons Herbert Riley Dunning Jr and Dennis Dunning, her sister, Le-verne Clayton and her parents, Burton Bryan Clayton and Florinda Tittle, and her grandsons Harold Hays Jr. & Timothy Battles..

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Rose- Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Robert Goletz officiating. Interment will follow at Minden Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 1, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Cindy Ruth Wood

Graveside services for Cindy Wood were held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. at Bistineau Cemetery in He-flin, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, February 7, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Cindy was born October 27, 1963 in Minden, Louisiana and passed away Friday morning, February 5, 2021 in Heflin, Louisiana.

She is survived by her aunt, Joann Swearingen; brother, Marty Wood and wife Lana; nephews, Lance Wood and wife Jennifer and Preston Wood and wife Abbie, and great nieces and great nephew, Lexi Wood, Ella Wood, Sage Wood, and Collin Wood.

Pallbearers will be Scott Mizell,

Ronnie Farrow, Lance Wood, Preston Wood, Braden Robinson, and Bryan Guice.

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Joan Wiley Luck

Memorial services for Joan Wiley Luck will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist

Church in Minden, Louisiana with Dr. Jack Odell officiating. The family will receive friends at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday prior service time at the church. Family ask that Covid guidelines be observed with wearing a mask and social dis-tancing.

Joan was born September 7, 1934 in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest February 4, 2021 in Minden, Loui-siana. She worked until her retirement at Minden City Court.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Wiley and Frances

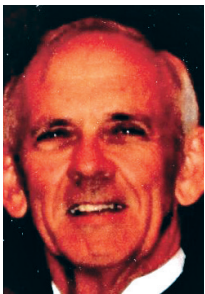
James; son, Mark Clement; grand-son, Keith Mangrum, and sister, Nina Austin.

She is survived by her daughters, Cyndy Gay (Kenneth) of Minden, Man-dy Barber (Ron) of Dewey, Arizona, and Becky White of Minden; son, Kevin Luck of Minden; sisters, Amy Wiley Ja-son (Dave) of Dubach, Suzanne Reeder (Larry) of Bearden, Arkansas; brother, Bill Wiley (Shannon) of San Francisco, California; grandchildren, Gary See-gers, Jr., Ben Ware, Chelsea Speir, Cody James, Wiley Clement, , and

Casey Granger, Hannah Luck; great-grandchildren, Rebekah Seegers, Ryan Seegers, Lucy Greene, Arrianna Clement, Eva Clement, Rhett Granger, Gracie Granger, Tristan Coburn Baylee Ware, and great great-grandchild Hadleigh Seegers.

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John Frederick "Johnny" Howell



John Frederick "Johnny" Howell passed away at his home on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from a lengthy illness. Visitation will be held at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana on Tuesday, Feb-ruary 9, 2021 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held Wednes-day, February 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at North Acres Baptist Church in Minden,

Louisiana with Rev. Wayne DuBose officiating. Interment will follow at Arlington Cemetery in Homer.

Johnny was born February 13, 1948 in Minden, Louisiana. He graduated from Minden High School in 1966 and then continued his studies at Northwest Louisiana Technical School where he met the love of his life, Judy Ruple Howell. As most know, Johnny's career of over 50 years was spent in the grocery industry with many years of service at Shuler's Dixie Dandy and County Market. He took great pride in his work, especially interacting with his customers and co-workers. He loved to spend any extra time fishing, playing golf, and working in his yard. But his fa-vorite pastime was being a Papa. Most

weekends you could find him at the soccer and baseball fields watching his grandchildren play.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Millie and John Howell and sister-in-law, Clara Ruple. He is survived by his wife of nearly 52 years, Judy Howell; daughter, Jessica Whitton and husband Brent; son, Jeff Howell and wife Whitney; brother, Ronny Howell and wife Bonnie; and grandchildren, Jaycie Davis, Ainsley Davis, Gray Howell, Nick Whitton, Josh Whitton, and Lizzie Whitton.

Pallbearers will be Billy Moore, Brian Moore, Brian Spurlock, Todd Ruple, Dub Austin, Greg Spigener, Brad Spigener, Kelly Donnelly, and Dustin Howell.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ray-mond DeFreese, Joe Moore, Jimmy Spi-gener, Butch Ruple, and Keith Camp.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Meghan Harris, the staff at Willis Knoghton Rehabilitation Institute, Kelly Ketchum, Cliff Moss, the staff at Passages Hospice, Leatrice Lee, and C.J. Soto for their compassionate care of Johnny.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks me-morials may be made to North Acres Baptist Church in Minden, St. Jude, or the Parkinson's Foundation..

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OTHER OPINION

Biden's Department of Homeland Sleaze Chief

Everything old is new again. The corruptocracy of the Obama administration is back with a vengeance in the White House. Once more, the “S” in “DHS” stands not for security — but for sleaze. Our nation is back for sale to the highest foreign bidders and their “America last” cronies.

Last Thursday, the Senate Homeland Security Committee pushed through the nomination of Alejandro “Ali” Mayorkas to head the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Six Senate Republicans sided with Democrats in breaking a GOP filibuster: Sens. Mitt Romney of Utah, Susan Collins of Maine, Rob Portman of Ohio, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, and Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

Just call them the Senate GOP Traitors’ Caucus.

“Inclement weather” forced the postponement of the full and final Senate vote scheduled Monday, but the swamp always gets its way come rain, shine, sleet or snow. Seven years ago, I first raised alarms when Barack Obama’s shady Chicago crony Mayorkas was tapped for the No. 2 position at DHS. Feckless Senate Republicans surrendered then, as they will again now.

Mayorkas’ main qualification for the deputy DHS secretary slot was his glorious record of achievement as a top Obama presidential campaign fundraiser in 2008. “Obama bundler” bestowed the same magical powers of access for Ali Mayorkas as “Open, sesame!” did for Ali Baba.

Mayorkas will fit right in under the rein of Quid Pro Joe. As

I reported during Mayorkas’ 2013 confirmation hearings, Mayorkas phoned the Clinton White House while U.S. attorney on behalf of convicted drug dealer Carlos Vignali. Mayorkas joined other high-profile California liberals in the dialing-for-pardons campaign. Vignali’s father (also suspected of drug trafficking) had dumped \$200,000 in the coffers of Hillary Clinton’s brother, Hugh, to secure his son’s commutation.

Naturally, Mayorkas pleaded ignorance of Vignali senior’s suspected criminal activity and admitted failure to do his “due diligence.” Mayorkas’ pardongate “mistake” cost him nothing.

Like so many slimy swamp creatures in Washington, he has repeatedly failed upward by design, not accident. As the former head of Obama/Biden’s U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency, allegations of fraud, reckless rubber-stamping and lax enforcement — from veteran internal whistleblowers — plagued Mayorkas’ tenure. Senate Republicans went along with his appointment to the DHS No. 2 slot even though he had been under investigation for his role as a meddling fixer in foreign EB-5 visas-for-sale schemes for 15 months before that nomination.

Federal investigators inter-



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viewed more than 15 whistleblowers ranging from rank-and-file employees to several senior managers in California and at the D.C. headquarters who accused Mayorkas of bestowing preferential access and treatment to politically connected EB-5 applicants and stakeholders. They detailed how Mayorkas “created special processes and revised existing policies in the EB-5 program to accommodate specific parties” while serving as director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

“Their allegations were unequivocal,” the DHS inspector general concluded, and the corruption under Mayorkas was systemic.

Reminder: then-Senate Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid pressured Mayorkas to overturn his agency’s rejection of expedited EB-5 visa applications for Chinese investors in a Las Vegas casino hotel, which just happened to be represented by Reid’s lawyer son Rory. Adjudicators balked at the preferential treatment. Mayorkas steamrolled the dissenters, who reported on shouting matches over the cases. Reid’s staffers received special briefings from Mayorkas to update them on the project’s progress.

One underling called it “a whole new phase of yuck.”

Meanwhile, in the words of one DHS official at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement bureau, Mayorkas “absolutely gave special treatment” to electric car racket GreenTech, which zealously sought EB-5 visas for another group of deep-pocketed Chinese in-

vestors. Former Democratic National Committee chair and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe helmed the company after it was spun off from a Chinese venture. Hillary Clinton’s late brother, Tony Rodham, spearheaded the EB-5 partnership with GreenTech. Louisiana GOP Gov. Bobby Jindal and former Mississippi GOP Gov. Haley Barbour both lobbied for approval of the project.

McAuliffe whined to then-DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano when the department’s adjudicators rejected the GreenTech deal. In violation of recordkeeping and disclosure rules, Mayorkas met with McAuliffe in February 2011 and then met personally with senior staff to urge the agency to reverse its denials. It did.

In 2018, GreenTech filed for bankruptcy after raking in some \$141 million from 283 EB-5 investors — mostly from China. Nobody knows where all that money went. More than 25 questions asked by GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley about Mayorkas’ EB-5 interventions remain unanswered five years after the inspector general report lambasted his ethical breaches as “corrosive and destabilizing.”

Perhaps Joe Biden will appoint ChiCom tool Hunter Biden as the next DHS inspector general to guard the DHS sleazehouse — with the Senate GOP Traitor Caucus standing by to facilitate the uniparty’s sellout of America. Where’s a Patriot Party when you need one?

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OTHER OPINION

DeSlatte: Louisiana lawmakers to resume debate on policing

Simply creating a task force to study law enforcement training and misconduct issues amid a national discussion about racial bias in policing drew sharp tensions in the Louisiana House over the summer. Months later, lawmakers will wade into the thorny conversation again armed with that task force’s suggestions for change.

The 18 recommendations backed by the Police Training, Screening and De-escalation Task Force will lead to bills for lawmakers to consider in their regular session that begins in mid-April.

The proposals include changes to the handling of complaints against police officers, new limits on chokeholds and no-knock warrants, requirements for anti-bias training and reduction of certain legal protections for law enforcement. They would require detailed policies for when body cameras and dash cameras must be turned on by officers who have them and stepped-up minority recruitment efforts for police departments.

“Hopefully, we can get something meaningful passed,” said Sen. Cleo Fields, the Baton Rouge Democrat whose legislation set up the study group.

Black lawmakers’ push to form an outside advisory panel to hash out policing issues and make suggestions was aimed at getting buy-in from critical groups in advance, in the hopes of rallying support for change.

The 25-member study group included people on different sides of the issues discussed: lawmakers, law enforcement representatives, university professors and other community organization leaders. Organizations representing the state’s sheriffs, police chiefs and district attorneys supported creation of the task force.

“Nobody in this room wants anything but best practices,” Rep. Tony Bacala, a Republican retired sheriff’s deputy from Prairieville and task force member, said during the group’s final meeting.

The task force was formed to propose ideas on training, screening, racial bias recognition, penalties for misconduct and other measures deemed “necessary to restore the public’s trust that the law enforcement community is serving and protecting all the citizens of Louisiana in a fair and unbiased manner.”

State lawmakers around the country are debating law enforcement tactics after recent high-profile cases involving the deaths of Black people at the



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hands of police.

More than 300 bills involving police oversight, discipline, standards, technology, training, use of force standards and other changes have been filed in statehouses across at least 25 states for consideration this year, according to a database from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Fields pushed for Louisiana’s task force creation after George Floyd’s death in Minnesota. Floyd, an African American man, died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into the handcuffed man’s neck for several minutes even as he pleaded for air. That prompted protests around the nation, including in several Louisiana cities.

Four years earlier, Baton Rouge saw weeks of protests over the shooting death of Alton Sterling, a Black man who was killed by a white police officer. Meanwhile, the Louisiana State Police is facing allegations of lies and cover-ups involving Ronald Greene, a Black man who died in State Police custody after a car chase near Monroe. And an Associated Press review of State Police records found at least a dozen instances over a three-year period in which employees forwarded racist emails on their official accounts or demeaned minority colleagues.

Legislation setting up the task force on policing won unanimous support from the

House and Senate in a June special session. But while the idea sailed through the Senate easily, it caused controversy and tense debates among lawmakers in the House.

Passage in the House came only after white Republican lawmakers — who repeatedly resisted suggestions of racial bias in policing — removed language that mentioned Floyd’s death and that described Black men as more likely to be killed by police than white men.

Several white lawmakers also objected to language in a different study group proposal by Democratic Rep. Ted James of Baton Rouge — which was shelved in favor of Fields’ legislation — that suggested police brutality was more prevalent against people of color and that questioned the criminal justice system’s treatment of minorities. Republican Rep. Dodie Horton of Haughton called that language racist.

Debate over the task force’s recommendations in the two-month legislative session will test whether the study group approach helps ease the path to make changes to policing policies in Louisiana — or whether it just sets up another round of contentious arguments.

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

INSPIRATION

The Bible says “a word fitly spoken is like pictures of gold, in apples of silver”

Having just read *The Right Words at the Right Time*, edited by Marlo Thomas, who tells how her father, Danny Thomas, told her how to win the race by keeping her blinders on, which made all the difference in her life as an actress, reminding me of Nicholas Sparks who said “we sit silently and watch the world around us. This takes a lifetime to learn. It seems only the old are able to sit next to one another and not say anything and still feel content. The young, brash and impatient, must always break the silence. It is a waste, for silence is pure. Silence is holy. It draws people together because only those who are comfortable with each other can sit without speaking. This is the great paradox.”

Max Ehrmann, born in 1872, the author of *Desiderata* said “Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.”

I have had this poem in my collection since high



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

school in Tulsa, back in the 60’s when my speech teacher, Shirl White, gave it to us.

If he wanted us to know something he would read it aloud. He was a master at keeping our attention and a role model in many ways, never counting the hours and effort he spent in nurturing our creative streak whether in acting or writing.

I have found one of the best ways to be happy with myself is to be “comfortable in my own skin.”

It took me a lifetime

to learn that but it also liberates me, giving me a feeling of acceptance but also tends to help control blood pressure problems!

Why don’t we know more of these great truths when we are young? Perhaps insecurity is a great driving force in our life that helps us to achieve our goals while we learn these truths as we go along.

The problem of nit picking has been an age old issue considering that the Pharisees in Jesus time thought they had it down even accusing Jesus of sin because He ate with the publicans and sinners!

This is how it is and probably always will be.

I’ve observed that those who are often critical will sooner or later commit the same mistakes as the ones that they were most critical.

That’s my take on life.

This attitude in churches often turns the “unchurched” away.

Some of these thoughts came to me after an accident in 2013. While leaning on my crutches, with pins still in my foot, I stopped to scribble down these thoughts that have become a part of my philosophy.

Napoleon Hill, famous American motivational speaker, said “we become what we think about.”

Our thoughts and those

of others impact our lives.

Max Ehrman also said “be gentle with yourself. You are no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here.”

I feel at peace when I struggle with “situations” in my life that somehow have always worked out, giving me security in life even when I’ve felt all alone.

With all of my struggles, I am so blessed!

As I pillow my head I know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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PET LIFE

Award Winning Minden Pup Competes in Regional Competition



COURTESY PHOTO/LINDA GREGG

Majyk is my two-year-old mixed breed Lab. In spite of the pandemic, 2020 was a stellar year for Team Majyk. He began North American Diving Dogs lessons in May 2020 at TnT Diving Dogs in Carthage. After a summer of 4 dock diving trials, he achieved the title of Dock Senior Advanced, earning an invitation to NADD South Central Regionals in Houston in October 2020. He went on to place first in the Senior Open regionals, earning an invitation to 2021 Regional and National championships. When all nine North American regional competitions were tallied Majyk placed 12th out of in excess of 350 senior diving dogs in the US and Canada. His season personal best is 22 feet. This is quite an accomplishment for a puppy. We’ve worked at obedience, rally, agility and barn hunt. But apparently, dock diving is his thing. Minden is home to an exceptional NADD dog with a very promising future!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A.P. Tureaud - Pioneer Lawyer

MIRIAM CHILDS
Louisiana Supreme Court

Alexander Pierre Tureaud was born in New Orleans on February 26, 1899. The Plessy v. Ferguson decision had been handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1896, which meant that Tureaud grew up in a fully and legally segregated New Orleans. His first brush with segregation happened when he was fired from a job in a general store after the owners discovered his race.

Tureaud was the descendant of French immigrants to Louisiana and African Americans, some enslaved and some free. He was culturally a “Creole of color,” but in segregated New Orleans, he was considered a “Negro.”

In 1916 Tureaud left New Orleans for Chicago after seeing scant opportunity for himself other than becoming a cement finisher, and little opportunity in general for young African American men. He found out later that he had been recruited to come to Chicago to be a strike breaker, and he quit the railyard job after learning the truth. He injured his back while working in a foundry and decided to move to New York City to live with his older brother. In New York City, Tureaud was introduced to the N.A.A.C.P. The African Americans in New York actively participated in civil rights causes, which inspired Tureaud to study law.

Tureaud moved to Washington, D.C. and completed his secondary education at Dunbar High School. He studied law with Professor Hart from 1920-1922 and then entered Howard

Law School, receiving a Bachelor of Laws degree with honors in 1925. For earning the highest grade in legal research, upon graduation he was awarded a set of law books valued at \$500. During his law studies at Howard, Tureaud became a member of the N.A.A.C.P. and met black leaders such as W.E.B. Du Bois. Tureaud passed the D.C. Bar and practiced there briefly before returning to New Orleans in 1926. He felt the need to finish what the Creole community started in the 1890s with the Plessy case, and to bring to New Orleans the activism he was exposed to in New York. Tureaud was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1927, when there were only four other African American attorneys in the state. Tureaud worked in the Office of the Comptroller of Customs until he resigned in 1941 to open his law practice, which he had been steadily building.

In 1931 A. P. Tureaud married Lucille Dejoie, a graduate of Howard’s pharmacy school. Their family grew to include six children. A. P. Tureaud joined the New Orleans branch of the NAACP in 1927. He was one of the “Young Turks” who clashed with long-time NAACP members, pushing the organization towards progressive civil rights activism. An expert on the U.S. Constitution, he and other activists of his generation believed in using the courts to undo segregation by proving it unconstitutional. Tureaud successfully used the courts to do the following: obtain equalization in public school teacher salaries (McKelpin v. Orleans Parish School Board, 1941); desegregate LSU’s pro-

fessional, undergraduate and graduate schools (Wilson v. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University, 1950); integrate New Orleans Public Schools (Bush v. Orleans Parish School Board, 1956); and integrate New Orleans parks, play grounds, and public facilities.

The integration of the New Orleans Public schools was a ten-year battle with highly pitched emotions on all sides. The case went in and out of court twenty-four times. Much of Tureaud’s pioneering work occurred before the 1964 Civil Rights

dropped his professional demeanor in court, even when judges or other attorneys were disrespectful to him. He was always courteous to the bench and to the opposing counsel, and always well-prepared. Thurgood Marshall, NAACP attorney who was co-counsel with Tureaud on many cases, had the slogan “lose your cool, lose your case.” Tureaud followed this advice, and as a result, he achieved great success.

In 1953, A. P. Tureaud, Jr. applied to LSU as a freshman. His father filed suit when his application was rejected. A. P. Tureaud, Jr. was allowed to attend while the lawsuit was being reviewed. When the challenge was dismissed, LSU expelled A. P. Tureaud, Jr. Eventually Tureaud won the case and his son could attend LSU. However, his experiences there had been so stressful and depressing that A.P., Jr. declined to return. He continued his education at Xavier, where he graduated. LSU has since made amends for the segregationist policies of its past.

In 1990, LSU named a campus building after A. P. Tureaud. In 2011, A. P. Tureaud, Jr. was awarded an honorary doctorate from LSU, in recognition of his status as the institution’s first African American undergraduate.

In 1971, Tulane inducted A. P. Tureaud into the Order of the Coif. He retired from practice in the same year, intending to devote time to writing his autobiography and collecting historical artifacts of African American life and culture in Louisiana. However, after an unsuccessful bout with cancer, he died on January 22, 1972. Upon his death, Tureaud was highly respected by the bench and bar. Tureaud struggled to build bridges between people rather than fostering hatred. His legal career paved the way for succeeding generations of lawyers to successfully practice civil rights law.

He is remembered today for the deliberate steps he took to create a society in which all members are offered equal opportunities. “A.P. Tureaud was a great man,” said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. “The Lord put you here on earth for three things: to work for God, to work for your family, and to work for your people. And A.P. Tureaud was a master of all three. That man’s courage was unbelievable. In this age of civil rights we got where we are today by the efforts and dedication of men like A.P. Tureaud.”

A.P. Tureaud deeply respected the judicial system and believed it was the most effective way to abolish unfair laws that had been in place for a century. History has proven him correct.

ECONOMY

REDUCED DEMAND AND SUPPLY KEEP LOUISIANA GAS PRICES HIGH

(February 8, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have risen 2.0 cents per gallon in the past week, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 19.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 9.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$1.93/g today while the most expensive is \$2.89/g, a difference of 96.0 cents per gallon.

“Many factors continue to push oil prices higher, but at the foundation of the rise is the fact that the coronavirus situation continues to improve, pushing global oil demand higher as production continues to lag, pushing U.S. gas prices higher,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.45/g today. The national average is up 13.2 cents per gallon from a

month ago and stands 1.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

“Until OPEC intercedes and raises oil production in the months ahead, motorists should continue to expect rising gas prices, which for the first time some time stand at their highest in over a year, adding misery to the dire economic situation as millions remain jobless. The news won’t likely improve in the months ahead, with continued increases in gas prices as OPEC maintains a tight balance between reduced demand and supply, keeping prices on the higher side.”

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

COVID-19

Louisiana to lower COVID-19 vaccination eligibility to age 65

(The Center Square) - Any Louisiana resident who is at least age 65 will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination starting Monday, Gov. John Bel Edwards said Thursday.

The current cutoff is age 70. Also among the 275,000 or so residents who will be newly eligible Monday are workers who will be involved in the March and April elections, emergency response personnel and members of the state’s Unified Command Group.

The Unified Command Group includes the governor, who said he is looking forward to getting his

first dose next week.

Edwards said he expects 408 providers across the state to administer 86,550 first doses next week, including 10,000 that have been diverted from the federally managed nursing home program because they weren’t going to be used immediately.

While the number of doses made available to state government for distribution is expected to remain flat for the next few weeks, Edwards expects Louisiana to get about 14,000 additional doses per week through a new federal program that will send vaccine doses

directly to pharmacies.

More than 404,000 first doses have been administered in Louisiana, and almost 131,000 residents have received both of the doses needed to get the full benefit, state officials report.

Nationally, more COVID-19-related deaths were reported in January than in any other month since the pandemic began. For Louisiana, it was the second-deadliest month after April, with 1,178 deaths.

“We lost 1,000 people in three weeks in Louisiana,” Edwards said.

At least 8,453 Louisiana residents with COVID-19

have died. Counting probable but unconfirmed COVID-19 deaths, the toll exceeds 9,000, officials said.

Louisiana’s post-holiday COVID-19 spike has ebbed, although the coronavirus that causes the illness remains prevalent throughout the state, the Louisiana Department of Health’s Dr. Joseph Kanter said. There were 1,295 COVID-19 patients in hospitals Thursday, which is down 800 since Jan. 8.

Kanter said he is concerned about the new variant of COVID-19 first identified in the United Kingdom, which experts

believe is easier to transmit and may be more likely to lead to serious illness. The new variant is expected to be the dominant version in the United States by March.

Although only five cases of the new variant have been confirmed in Louisiana, Kanter said that is likely only the “tip of the iceberg.” He urged residents to double down on mitigation practices, which include frequent hand washing, wearing masks and avoiding contact with people you don’t live with. He said controlling case growth now would leave the state better prepared for a pos-

sible surge in March.

Edwards said the state is sending additional state police troopers and staff to New Orleans during Mardi Gras. Not to accommodate parades, as is the case in other years, but to enforce COVID-19 restrictions.

Edwards said he was concerned about large crowds seen gathering on Bourbon Street and noted last year’s Mardi Gras may have sparked Louisiana’s first COVID-19 surge.

“I have no doubt it will lead to another surge if we don’t get it under control,” Edwards said.



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OUTDOORS

THE YEAR 1994 GOOD YEAR FOR RECORDS

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Press-Herald

It's enlightening to turn back the pages of history to see things that happened during a particular year, things we remember fondly; some not so much. The year, 1994, featured some things much different than today. For example, did you know that the average income for households that year was \$37,000? Did you know you could purchase a brand new house for an average of \$119,000? You could buy a new car for the average price of \$12,350 and could drive it fairly inexpensively as the average price of a gallon of gasoline that year nationwide was \$1.09.

The year 1994 featured several events that made national news. O.J. Simpson was arrested for the death of his former wife, Tonya Harding had the knee of ice skating rival, Nancy Kerrigan whacked to eliminate her as a competitor, Paula Jones filed a lawsuit against President Bill Clinton for sexual harassment.

Popular films released that year included Forrest Gump, Shawshank Redemption and Lion King. Baseball season and the World Series were cancelled because of a prolonged strike.

The tunnel was completed across the English Channel connection England and France and Lisa Marie Presley married Michael Jackson.

During this eventful year, two prominent political figures died, former President Richard Nixon and former first lady, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Former president Ronald Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1994.

Winner of the 1994 Super Bowl was the Dallas Cowboys and the Jacksonville Jaguars joined the National Football League.

While these events were taking place, something was happening in the woods and on the waters in 1994 when two state records were set for bucks and bass, records that still hold today.

On a cold and damp January 4, 1994, Franklin Parish Sheriff deputy James McMurray climbed into his deer stand on Big Lake wildlife management area for a chance at a deer. Using his grunt call and rattling horns, he saw a deer moving through the thicket. Seeing antlers, he knew it was a buck but had no idea he was about to have a chance at a state record, one that has stood atop the pack for the past 27 years. McMurray's buck with more than 40 antler points was officially scored with 281 6/8 inches of antler.

McMurray's trophy had a serious challenge this year when Brennan Morris, hunting with a crossbow in Richland Parish, downed a 42 point monster that measured 275 5/8 inches. Close call but McMurray's buck still hangs on to the top spot in the Louisiana record book.

I visited with McMurray after his trophy buck was mounted and accompanied him to the spot where he downed the buck. Having the opportunity to lay my hands



on the state record mount was a special day for me.

On a chilly late winter night in 1994, Greg Wiggins was fishing on Caney Lake using a plastic worm when he felt a thump. Setting the hook, Wiggins was able to hook, hang onto and land a largemouth bass that weighed in at 15.97 pounds. His state record bass has continued to hang onto the top spot for 27 years.

As soon as I heard about Wiggins' fish, I arranged to meet him and was able to get an interview and photos of him and his big bass, another memorable time for me.

1994 has proven to be a memorable year in many ways with two Louisiana state records, deer and bass, getting equal billing for Louisiana's hunters and anglers.

FISHING REPORT
BUSSEY BRAKE - Crappie fishing has been good in the deeper holes and around the dam fishing 10-12 foot water on shiners or jigs. Two whoppers were caught this week, a 3.32 pounder by James Morgan and a 3.60 by Anthony Griffith. Bass to 3-5 pounds have been good on swim jigs, spinners and jigs. No report on catfish or bream. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU - Bass have been fair on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie have been fair on jigs. Bream are slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - The water is high but falling. No reports this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Crappie fishing has been best fishing 14 feet deep along channel edges in 20 foot water on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair on the points with crank baits, jigs and soft plastics picking up some fish. Bream are slow while catfishing is good on cold worms and night crawlers. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - Crap-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Top: James McMurray and his state-record buck.
Bottom: Greg Wiggins and his state record bass, a record that has stood since 1994

pie fishing continues to be good in deep water out from the dam.

Best results are to drop a jig to bottom and reel up 2-3 turns. Bass are fair while some stripers are being caught along with the crappie down deep. Catfishing has been good on trotlines baited with chicken livers and blood bait. No report on bream. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

CANEY LAKE - Some big bass have come in over the last few days with one weighing over 12 pounds with another 11 pounder and one weighing 10 pounds caught. Some have also been caught along the edges of the grass on spinners, jerk baits and jigs. Crappie fishing has been good in deep water out from the dam and also under the Highway 4 bridge on shiners and jigs.

No report on catfish or

bream. For latest information contact Bateaux on Caney Lake 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 - Crappie fishing has been best afternoons around the boat slips.

Catfishing has been fair to good off the back deck. No report on bass or bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - Bass fishing has been good on jigs, spinners and soft plastics. Crappie and catfish are slow. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is rising significantly but should begin falling next week. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

LAKE BRUIN - No report. For information, contact Carlos Gray at 318/766-0075.

NFL

Sneed closes rookie season at Super Bowl LV



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS/COURTESY PHOTOS

Minden and LA Tech alum JJ Sneed arrives at Super Bowl LV (top), he recorded three tackles for the Chiefs (bottom) in the loss to the Bucs.

AARON S. LEE

Special to the Press-Herald

Minden's own L'Jarius Sneed recorded three tackles for the Chiefs.

The 2020 fourth-round pick out of Louisiana Tech capped a sensational debut season that included 41 tackles (31 solo), 2 sacks, 3 interceptions, 7 passes defended - not including 14 tackles and two sacks in the postseason.

White called the former Crimson Tider "a steal" for the Chiefs during a Super Bowl pre-game press conference, and the recently

turned 24-year-old (Jan. 21) has proven just that being the best-rated rookie cornerback in the NFL.

Sneed has also been named to several All-Rookie teams, including the one voted on by the Pro Football Writers of America. White was also selected by the PFWA during his inaugural season in 2019.

"Year one in the books, know I'm plotting on year 2," posted Sneed on Facebook following the loss.

The Chiefs fall to 16-3 overall after finishing the regular season with a league-best record of 14-2.

PREP SOCCER

Minden Soccer falls just short of postseason, capping successful run



JAMIE BARNETT
Special to the Press-Herald

The Lady Tiders had a difficult season like most due to the times we live in. Despite the struggles and frustrations, The Lady Tiders soccer team was hopeful to reach a home playoff game for the first round of playoffs. They missed out by 6/100th of a point and ended up having to travel. The 17th ranked lady Tiders travelled to Lake Charles to play against the 16th ranked Sam Houston. Lady Tiders knew they had a hard battle in front of them due to injuries and quarantines taking almost half of the starting team out of commission. Tiders fell short 0-4 on paper.

Luckily, Lady Tders have an incredible amount of determination and heart. Putting players in new positions, asking others to step up in new leadership roles, Tiders played a strong game Thursday. Chris

Hardy stepped in goal, despite never having trained or played in goal before. Chris was able to walk away with over 8 saves, including a diving penalty kick save late in the game. Lady Tiders created several opportunities and just were not able to seal the chances. However, players were playing with pure heart and determination to make their team, school, community and family proud. Several girls played with taped up broken fingers, bruised ribs, strained ankles and knees, broken hand, hurt tendons and strained muscles. The lady Tiders showed great pride in themselves and whom they represented through their battle to the last whistle, and their post game class through showing great respect towards their opponents, officials, and supporters. We look forward to the make-up senior night announcement and what the future will bring!

NOTICE

Due to the death of Luther W. Moore, his law office will be closing March 31, 2021. If you would like your files, please call the office at 377-0864 to schedule a pick up time. Otherwise, for your convenience and security, your files will be destroyed if we do not hear from you by the March 31st date above.

PREP BASKETBALL

DOYLINE DOUBLE
PANTHERS BOYS/GIRLS DOWN SALINE



DOUGLAS BLOW/COURTESY PHOTOS
Jamari Markray (left) and Taeda Rabb (right) for Doyline. Rabb had nine points in a 66-59 win over Saline this weekend. Markray put up 23 points, 11 rebounds and six assists as the Panthers beat Saline 76-70.

SUPER BOWL

DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay's defense finished its redemption tour with a Super Bowl championship.

Overwhelmed by Patrick Mahomes and Tyreek Hill during a loss to Kansas City in Week 12 of the regular season, a young Buccaneers secondary flipped the script in Sunday night's NFL championship game by shutting down the Chiefs' electric duo in a 31-9 victory.

Rookie safety Antoine Winfield Jr., and second-year linebacker Devin White had the team's sixth and seventh interceptions of a postseason run that also included wins over future Hall of Famers Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers, and the Bucs limited Kansas City's high-scoring offense to 350 yards and no touchdowns, quite the turnaround from a poor performance in what wound up being Tampa Bay's final loss of the season.



Coach Bruce Arians credited defensive coordinator Todd Bowles' game plan, which mixed and tried to disguise coverages and force Mahomes to hold the ball long enough for Tampa Bay's pass rushers to make the Chiefs' quarterback uncomfortable.

"I think he got a little tired hearing how unstoppable they were," Arians said.

"He had a great plan to keep them in front of us and give the guys up front time to hunt," Arians added. "They chased him around pretty good."

Hill had 13 receptions for 269 yards and three touchdowns in the regular-season matchup, including seven catches for 203 yards and

two TDs in the first quarter alone, when the speedy receiver took advantage of single coverage to help Kansas City build a 17-point lead.

Mahomes went 26 of 49 for 270 yards and was sacked three times Sunday night after throwing for 462 yards without an interception in the first meeting. The 2019 league MVP failed to throw for at least one TD for the first time in 31 games, including playoffs.

"There was nothing that was gonna stop us from winning this game. I knew we was going to keep the pressure up," linebacker Shaquil Barrett said.

"I did not think we was going to keep them from scoring a touchdown but we stepped up, we showed up, we held them to three

every time they was down there," Barrett added, "and Coach Bowles had a great game plan. We had the guys up there to make it work and we made it work, baby."

Travis Kelce finished with 10 catches for 133 yards for the Chiefs, but Hill was held to 73 yards on seven receptions while bracketed by double coverage much of the night.

"We took away some of the underneath throws, and it takes time for guys get deep. That allowed guys up front to get after him," Bowles said. "The biggest thing we were trying to do was take away his first read, make him hold the ball to look at (the defense) long enough to get after him."

The 27-24 setback on Nov. 29 finished a stretch in which the Bucs dropped

three of four games — all at home — to enter their bye week searching for answers to their inconsistency on both offense and defense.

The team didn't lose again, finishing on an eight-game winning streak that included playoff road wins over Washington, New Orleans and Green Bay to become the first team to play a Super Bowl in their home stadium.

Brees and the Saints beat Tampa Bay twice during the regular season. By taking down Mahomes in the Super Bowl, the Bucs (15-5) avenged three of their five losses.

The steady improvement of the defense down the stretch was one of the biggest reason they were confident Sunday's result would be different.

"It was very personal," cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting said. "As a secondary, we had some rough patches, just like every other team. It just seemed like we took a little more heat, people saying we weren't good enough."

White said he and the rest of the defense couldn't understand how Tampa Bay was considered underdogs Sunday night after taking down Brees and then Rodgers.

He also took exception with Tampa Bay having only one Pro Bowl selection on its roster, linebacker Jason Pierre-Paul.

"That doesn't even sound right," White said. "One Pro Bowl player and the team goes on to win the Super Bowl? That's OK. That trophy, the Lombardi, that's what we play for."

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Monday's unlisted clue: SPANGLED

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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Caruncle	Gobbler	Poult	Tail
Dewlap	Hens	Roost	Wattle
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beginning of the "British Invasion"

1959 - The world's first inter-continental ballistic missile becomes operational in the USSR. The Soviet R-7 Semyorka missile had a range of 8800 km (5500 mi).

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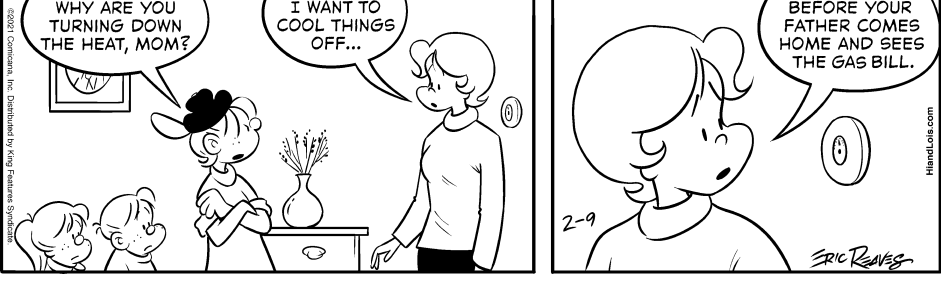
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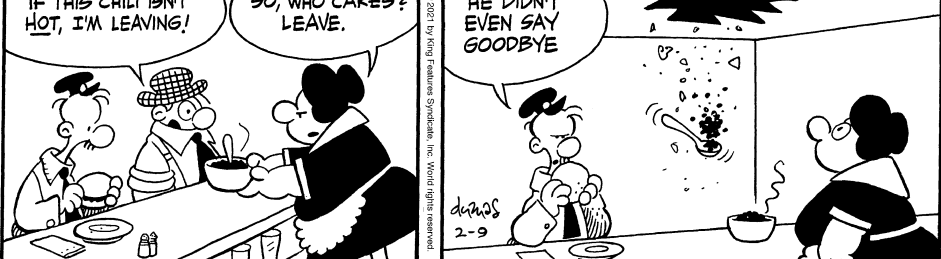
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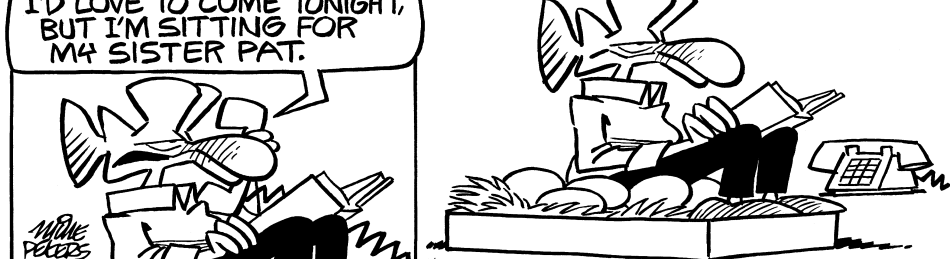
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