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## CRIME

### Late night shooting in Minden

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

Another late-night shooting took place in Minden earlier this week near Plateau Street. Luckily there have been no reported injuries from the incident, however, this marked yet another of the increasingly frequent shootings that have recently taken place within the city.

"A quiet night inside the Minden Police Department office was abruptly interrupted when every phone began to ring. Callers from all over town were reporting the sound of gunfire. Finally, one caller stated his house was hit by multiple rounds," a statement from the Minden Police Association read.

"Officers arrived to find the street littered with pistol and rifle brass casings. The house was peppered with holes. Inside the house, multiple people dived to the floor

when the shooting began, in fear of being hit. One round came within inches of a sleeping juvenile girl. Luckily there were no injuries."

Unfortunately while responding to this incident, officers reported hearing more gunshots in the distance two separate times. While cases like these seem to be on the rise, the Minden Police Association assured local citizens that they are willing to do whatever it takes to bring an end to the senseless violence.

"This story is being told again and again. The residents of this city are tired of the senseless violence. People live in fear in the districts most affected by the savagery. We will continue to try and come up with, and present viable solutions to ending the violence," the MPA stated.

"Your Minden Police Officers will work day and night to respond to, investigate and bring these violent criminals to justice. We aren't giving up."

## COMMUNITY

### MLK Day Parade Cancelled due to rise in COVID cases



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Due to the drastically rising number of COVID cases that took place over the holiday season, the MLK parade scheduled for next week has been canceled. Michael Walker of the MLK Committee stated, "The MLK Committee has decided to postpone the parade and youth rally until late February. This is because of the number of COVID cases going up. We will let the community know of the new date once it has been decided. At this time we feel this is best for the safety of the citizens of Minden. Thank you to the community for their continued support of this event."

## MINDEN CITY COUNCIL

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

In the January City Council Meeting, the Ordinance that would introduce juvenile curfew to the City of Minden was on the agenda, and much like in past meetings where it was an item, it once again failed to pass. However, this may be the last time that the City Council will see this particular item on their agenda as the Council voted three to two in order to postpone the ordinance indefinitely.

Being the one who introduced the amended motion, Councilman Wayne Edwards of District A explained, "What this postponing indefinitely means is that basically, we all have to get on the same page. To renew this particular motion it

requires a two-thirds vote of the council. There are some issues with the ordinance that I filed complaints from the people of District A, and being honest I don't feel at this time it's actually going to be enforceable."

"In the last council meeting, I said that I want to see a full staff in the department and that we emphasize the areas in this city where we're actually having problems, and once we get that done I don't have a problem," said Edwards.

Councilman Vincen Bradford of District C also voiced his opposition to the curfew. "First of all, we don't have the manpower. And how can you tell if I'm seventeen? Can you just look at me in the car next to you and say, he's seventeen I'm going

to stop him. I don't think it's right. I think you're edging on people's civil rights."

After hearing their contentions, Councilman Michael Roy of District D offered his perspective, being in favor of passing the ordinance. "I disagree solely. I think it's a shame that we as a council can't come together to protect the citizens of the City of Minden," said Roy.

"It gives the police department the right to approach somebody if they deem necessary. Doesn't mean they have to, doesn't mean they won't. But it's funny how the city of Shreveport can do this, the city of Bossier can do this, and both of those cities have taken our or-

dinance, and adopted it. I think it's a shame that we don't put our people first."

It was at this point Councilman Terika Williams Walker of District B entered the discussion, being skeptical about using Shreveport/Bossier for comparison.

"I just disagree with your statement when you say the other cities are using it. You always reference other cities but have you done any research to see how effective it is. Because as you know well you may not know, Shreveport is understaffed too, so how can they enforce it? I mean, how effective is it," said Walker. "You watch the news, there's always juveniles doing something in Shreveport. So what



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about the effectiveness of it?"

After this, there was a bit more back and forth following the same general argumentative lines that had been brought up previously, followed by an accusation from Councilman Bradford that the Minden Police Department would use this ordinance as an opportunity to target black neighborhoods.

"I don't know why we need to police these kids, they're not doing anything," said Bradford.

Roy responded, "I disagree with that. Chief, what are they doing? They're shooting, they're breaking into cars, They're breaking the law."

"Where are they going to target? They're going to target the black neighborhoods," replied Brad-

ford. You ride in District B what do you see? You ride in District A what do you see? You ride in E, you don't see police out there."

"They patrol the areas that have crime," responded Mayor Terry Gardner.

"All areas have crime," Walker replied.

When it came time to vote, the amended motion passed with three in favor, those being Councilmen Edwards, Walker, and Bradford, and two in opposition, those being Councilmen Roy and Bloxom.

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JEFF CASTLE

Limited shower activity is expected Friday, but expect to see widespread rain arriving on Saturday. We will end the weekend on a dry note. Temperatures will run near record highs on Friday, but a cold front will bring in much cooler weather over the weekend. Saturday looks warmest in the morning. Highs will only be near 50 by Sunday.

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OBITUARIES




### Victor G. Hassell

Victor G. Hassell, 56, of Quitman, Texas, began his eternal life with his Lord and Savior on December 31, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loved ones, after battling colon and liver cancer for many years.

Victor was born February 2, 1965 in Harbor City, California, the son of Jack Dale Hassell and the late Eunice Miller Hassell of Ringgold, LA.

Victor never cowered down to the adversity in life, he embraced the challenges and lived his life to the fullest. His family fondly quotes his famous saying, “Booyah” and “Making Memories” in remembrance of him. Victor honorably served for the US Navy. Later, he was an engineer and entrepreneur who shared his love and talent for cooking with his friends, family, and his children. Victor was a servant leader at his church, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. He was an active member of the Minden, Cotton Valley, and Flora Masonic Lodge throughout his life. He loved adventuring in his Jeep, and fellowshiping with his close friends who he considered to be additional brothers.



### Deborah H. Prince

A private memorial service will be held at a later date for Deborah Hunter Prince of Helfin, Louisiana.

Deborah was born February 9, 1958, in Minden, Louisiana and entered her heavenly home January 5, 2022. She was a member of Church of the Cross in Haughton, Louisiana where she sang in the choir and was a faithful member. Deborah loved her husband, children and grandchildren, they were her joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Delores Hunter; brothers, Billy Moore and Barry Hunter, and mother-in-law, Hazel Prince.

Phillip L. Ford

Phillip L. Ford, Master Sergeant United States Air Force (Ret.), age 82, of Cabot, Arkansas, died Tuesday, January 4, 2022. He was born March 2, 1939 in Minden, Louisiana to the late C.C. Ford and Christine Davidson Ford.

Phillip graduated from Minden High School in 1957. He played on 2 state championship football teams, one in 1954 and the second in 1956. While attending LSU, he played football for one year before head injuries no longer made it feasible. He joined the Air Force in 1958. His Air Force career spanned 20 years of dedicated service. Phillip was awarded the Airman’s Medal in 1963 for his heroic actions. He served a total of 2 years in Vietnam and 3 years overseas in support of Vietnam. He retired from Lockheed-Martin Co. as a senior engineer in 2002.

Phillip is survived by his wife, Mary O. Kornegay

Victor is predeceased by his mother, Eunice Miller Hassell.

Victor was a devoted father, husband, brother, son, and uncle. He will be remembered by his loving wife, Angie Peek Hassell; his son Tyler Hassell and fiancé Ashton Wood; his daughters, Bailey Hassell Lovitt and husband Heath, and Emma VanBecelaere; his father Jack Hassell; his brothers and sisters, Dale Hassell, Rusty Hassell and wife Eyde, Gary Hassell, and Brenda Kathy Hassell; and many nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Visitation will be Monday, January 3, 2022, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at Lowe-Gardner Funeral Home, 1102 E. Goode St., Quitman, Texas 75783. A Funeral Service of Remembrance will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, County Road 3275, Mineola, Texas 75773. Interment will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Those who wish to remember Victor in a special way, in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Mt. Pisgah Building Fund. A passion of Victor’s was to start a Youth Ministry at the Church.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Dale Hassell, Rusty Hassell, Gary Hassell, Eric Allison, Jerry Peek, Raymond Peek, and Tony Peek. Serving as an Honorary Pallbearer will be Ty Coats.


She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Eddie Prince; sons, Michael Prince, Dustin Prince (Suzi) and Kalob Prince (Autumn); daughters, Meg Prince (Aubrey); grandchildren, Josh Prince (Peyton), Kolton Pace (Cassie), Allie Hortman, Alexis Prince, Preston Prince, Wesley Prince; father-in-law, Jarrell Prince; sister-in-law, Reta Dean; brother, Doug Shurling; special nieces, Tina McKissick and Lolly Hunter; numerous other nieces and nephews; special friends, Susan Pevy, Debbie Sharp, Lisa Stroud, and Debra Jones, and her beloved dogs, Charlie and Buddy.

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Ford; son, Kenneth Scott Ford and wife, Wanda of Cabot, Arkansas; grandchildren, Kenneth Ford (Eden; children, Kallie and Emily), Blake Ford (Anna; children, Evangeline and Thomas), Catherine Ford Sukup (Justin; children, Derick, Christine, Jackson, and Dawson) and Peter Ford (Sparrow); his brother, James L. Ford and wife, Linda of Virginia; two nephews, David and Andrew (Emily; children, Sophia, Alexandra, and Charlotte) and numerous cousins.

A special thank you to the Baptist Health Hospice Team who provided loving care to Phillip during his last days. Memorial donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306 or a charity of your choice.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Moore’s Cabot Funeral Home, 501-843-5816. Inurnment will be at a later date at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. Please sign our online guestbook for the Ford family at [www.moor-escabotfuneralhome.com](http://www.moor-escabotfuneralhome.com).



### Patsy La Fran Jeffers Morgan

Pat was called home by the Lord and entered into rest December 22, 2021. She passed away from a short illness at Cornerstone Hospital in Bossier City, Louisiana. She was born December 13, 1942 in SprinZhill, Louisiana, the daughter of Malvern Warren and Florine Rosemary Knighton Jeffers.

Pat graduated from Minden High School, Class of 1960. After High School, she became a homemaker and later worked in the retail business. She was very kind and compassionate to all her family and friends. She loved gardening, cooking for family and friends, interior design, and traveling. She married Bobby Joe Morgan from Lake

Providence, Louisiana in April 1996. They had 25 years together and loved each other very much. They also liked to take care of their horses and go to rodeos.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a grandson, Eric Irby. Surviving in addition to her spouse,


Bobby Joe Morgan are her daughters, Lisa McGuire Mayfield, Melanie McGuire Lott and husband Steven, Lori

McGuire Allen and husband Justin, and one son, Norman Gregory McGuire and Carol Hernandez. Also, four be loved children by marriage including: Tina Renae Morgan, Vickie Morgan Cravens , Sherri Annette Morgan Taylor and husband Randy, and a son, Bobby Jay Morgan and wife Misty. She is also survived by grandchildren: Ashley, Haley,

Amber, Tyler, Jady, Jeremy, Cory, Dillon, Brandon, Morgan, Braden, Matthew, and Cammie. Plus her great grand children: Blake, Macy, Dallas, McKenzie, McKayla, Kelly Ann, Tia, Abby, Sophia, Elijah, Winnie , and one great-great grandchild, Sammy. She is survived by her cherished sister,

Diane James and her husband Bion, and many nieces and nephews. There will be a private memorial January 8, 2022 at Hillcrest in Haughton, Louisiana. Family meant so much to her, and she was dedicated to all. In lieu of flowers, please donate in her name to the Parkinson’s Foundation ([MichaelJFox.org](http://MichaelJFox.org)).

We would also like to thank a special nurse at Cornerstone Hospital whom was very kind, understanding, and compassionate. She helped us through a very difficult time. Thank you, Brooke.



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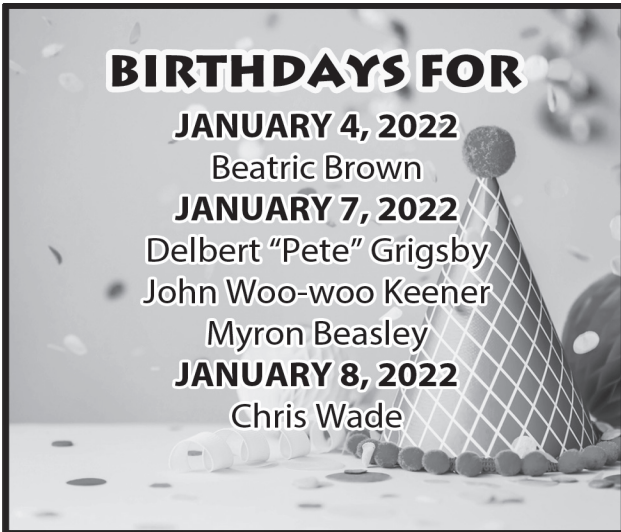
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OTHER OPINION

Biden’s no solution to the pandemic

I found striking this past week the statement by Pres. Biden that there is no “federal solution” to the pandemic, making the point that a balance must now be struck between public health/social and economic considerations. The statement was remarkable to me both for its candor and for what it really reflects: 1) that one of the central purported rationales for Pres. Biden’s presidential candidacy—defeating Covid—was offered as much for political expediency as for any substantive reason, and 2) as well as the fact that most of the measures the federal government has taken regarding the virus still have the nation and American economy reeling—as much from Covid itself, as from the clumsy and error-filled governmental response to it. First, let’s honestly recall what then-candidate Biden emphatically stated in the October 2020 presidential debate. Biden blamed President Trump personally for the 220,000 lives that had then been lost due to the pandemic caused by the virus which CDC has determined originated in China. (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/basics-covid-19.html). “If you hear nothing else I say tonight, hear this,” Biden said. “Anyone that is responsible for that many deaths should

not remain as president of the United States of America.” “I will take care of this,” he promised. “I will end this. I’m going to shut down the virus, not the country.” Fast forward to December 30, 2021: according to CDC’s COVID Tracker, as of this date, there were 820,355 deaths from the China Virus — a number nearly four times higher than the tragic number of American deaths recorded as the Trump Administration worked literally at warp speed to create in an historically short time three vaccines which it perfected, tested, and then gifted to the Biden Administration. 820,355 deaths. This coming from a man who essentially swore he would “take care of” and “shut down the virus, not the country.” What a falsehood. President Biden and his administration have done just the opposite—they have not shut down the virus—in fact, they’ve surrendered—but they have shut down the country. Thus, based upon his own pledge and promise, Pres. Biden should resign. Fast forwarding to today, according to the latest CDC isola-

tion guidelines regarding the Omicron variant, the incubation period is shorter and so should be the isolation period. What a relief! Even “Dr. Lockdown” Anthony Fauci is quoted as saying “there is a danger that there will be so many people who are being isolated who are asymptomatic for the full 10 days, that you could have a major negative impact on our ability to keep society running.” (Wall Street Journal). That’s, no doubt, true and has been for the entire period of the pandemic. Further, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky also stated that her agency had altered its guidelines because “there were starting to be limitations in society...” and concluded with her observation that CDC’s “guidance is only as good as society’s willingness to follow it.” (Washington Post). I think what these statements by Drs. Fauci and Walensky recently reflect is that CDC’s smothering guidelines have become so burdensome and damaging—because they are doing real harm to society and the national economy—that Americans have largely stopped abiding by them. What’s stunning is that none of these conclusions by Fauci or Walensky are either new or were unknown prior to Omicron. Government will never be able to remove all health risks any more than it can con-

trol the blowing of the wind. However, its handling of Covid is an egregious example of not ever honestly balancing the interests at stake—public health versus individual freedoms and economic strength—seriously considering only the health aspect, however speculative or farfetched it may have been. What the ruling elite and the national media have either missed or ignored from the beginning is that Americans are fair-minded and open to being persuaded but not coerced. When coerced, resistance is immediate and widespread. The Biden Administration’s apparent rejection of new lockdowns is an acknowledgement of that fact as well as of the great tangible and intangible economic and social harm that has been inflicted on the country by lockdowns already. The Wall Street Journal recently noted that, regarding the end of lockdowns even by most Democrat governors, “... we can thank public insistence more than the most quoted public-health experts, who appear all too willing to force the public back into isolation even two years into the pandemic. The people are wiser than the experts.” Thank God for that.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

FAA, wireless on a collision course, thanks to bureaucrats

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Biden Administration officials are crowing that they prevented a collision over 5G wireless spectrum between airlines and wireless carriers that had threatened to ground flights across America this week. But they created this problem, and the mess could endanger U.S. 5G leadership. Congress charged the Federal Communications Commission with ensuring that wireless spectrum is deployed to balance the interests of different industries while advancing U.S. innovation. With the U.S. trailing China in 5G, former FCC Chair Ajit Pai moved regulatory mountains to free up more spectrum. After public comment and technical review, the FCC in March 2020 issued a 258-page decision approving the repurposing of C-band spectrum from satellite operators for 5G. The document included precautions to prevent 5G signal interference with other spectrum users, including aviation. Usually spectrum interference involves transmissions on the same frequencies, not

in different bands. Airplane radio altimeters that measure the distance from the ground occupy bands in the same region but are still a safe distance from C-band. Think the distance between Trenton, N.J., and New York City. The FCC nonetheless included a 220 to 400 megahertz buffer between the two bands, which was more than twice as much as what engineers deemed sufficient to prevent signal interference. Nearly 40 countries operate 5G on C-band spectrum—many at higher power levels or in closer spectral proximity to airplane radio altimeters than what the FCC had proposed—with no instances of interference. Two Navy radars also operate in frequencies much closer to altimeters at power levels that are 10,000 times greater than 5G base stations without any reports of interference. Last January wireless carriers paid \$80 billion to the U.S. Treasury for the C-band spectrum and have since spent billions of dollars to deploy it. AT&T and Verizon had planned to light up their spectrum on Dec. 5. Yet Biden Administration officials

interfered at the last minute, causing a near-crash between wireless carriers and the aviation industry. Enter Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Steve Dickson, who is eager to redeem the agency after its embarrassment over Boeing’s 737 Max. On Nov. 2, the FAA warned airlines that 5G could interfere with safety instruments. AT&T and Verizon agreed to delay their rollout to Jan. 5. This didn’t satisfy Mr. Dickson, who warned that the 5G rollout might force the agency to reroute planes in bad weather. As if flying weren’t stressful enough. On New Year’s Eve, the FAA chief and his co-pilot, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, demanded more concessions from the wireless carriers that would effectively cede to the government control over the 5G rollout. Verizon and AT&T on Sunday rebuffed their demand, offering instead to reduce C-Band power on runways and in the first mile of takeoff or final approach for six months. Yet airlines threatened to file suit, fearing the 5G standoff

between their regulators and wireless carriers could disrupt flights. Messrs. Dickson and Buttigieg on Monday accepted the wireless carriers’ offer, albeit with a two-week delay supposedly to allow the FAA more time for safety studies. They are likely to demand that this delay be extended. Mr. Buttigieg isn’t an expert in aviation or broadband, but he knows that there’s no risk for him in overcaution—and it isn’t his money. Meanwhile, FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel, who had supported the C-band rollout, has for the most part been missing in action. Mr. Pai frequently had to assert himself during the Trump Presidency when heads of other federal agencies, including the Defense and Transportation departments, encroached on FCC turf. Ms. Rosenworcel is failing her first test as chair. Politicians complain the U.S. is falling behind China in 5G, but dysfunctional government is a big reason.

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OTHER OPINION

Biden’s coronavirus evasion is nothing new

LARRY BEHRENS  
Special to the Press-Herald

When President Joe Biden told the nation’s governors “there is no federal solution” to COVID-19, it took many by surprise. After all, the cornerstone of his campaign hinged on his claim that he would defeat the pandemic if only we would elect him. When his predecessor suggested “maybe states should also look into acquiring equipment to help fight COVID,” Biden and his allies erupted with outrage. My how the tables have turned. As we approach the one-year mark of the Biden presidency, this type of double talk is becoming far too commonplace. It is just “Joe being

Joe.” His formula is simple: when the results are good, take credit. When they’re bad, it’s not his fault. We need look no further than Biden’s awkward dance with his energy failures over the past 11 months. Within the first 48 hours after he stepped into office, President Biden cancelled the Keystone pipeline and placed an illegal moratorium on oil and gas production on federal lands. The move instantly killed 11,000 American jobs, but Biden didn’t care since the price of gas he inherited from the last administration was \$2.37 a gallon. Fast forward to the spring and summer of 2021 and as gas prices skyrocketed over 30%, Biden had to try and reverse his failure. His first response was to

beg countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia to produce more oil. This maneuver was not only pathetic in the weakness it projected, but also tragic because it proved President Biden destroyed American energy independence in less than six months. Pleading with our enemies for more oil didn’t work and as gas prices continued to rise Biden needed a new strategy, so he settled on evasion. By October, Biden was suddenly telling the public there was nothing he could do to help high gas prices. Putting aside that the massive number of executive orders and actions targeting domestic energy, the president now needed us to believe he wasn’t responsible for high gas prices. Biden abdicated responsi-

bility for his energy decisions, and with the help of a dutiful chorus of support from media sycophants, Team Biden settled on its “winning” message: When gas prices are bad, it’s not Biden’s fault. However, when the out-of-touch administration believes it can spike the football, it will not hesitate to give Biden all the credit. You might remember when the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee rejoiced, and loudly thanked Joe Biden, for a 2 cent drop in gas prices. No, not 2 percent, but 2 cents. Less than a month later, Biden’s press secretary boldly proclaimed they had “saved Christmas” from their self-created supply chain issues. It seems the last month of 2021 is the right time for Team Biden

to celebrate all of his “success” after first claiming there wasn’t much he could do. Make no mistake, they’ll do the same with COVID. Shortly after washing his government’s hands of responsibility, the President strolled to Marine One for his 31st trip to Delaware this year. Step one of his plan to dodge responsibility is complete, now all he has to do is relax and hope no one will hold him to account. Make no mistake: if there is good news in the future, Joe Biden will be quick to take the credit. The pathetic pattern is now their pathetic plan.

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LIFE

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Getting Past Christmas

Today found me with good intentions. I intended to take down my tree and put away my Christmas decorations. Did those intentions work out? They did not. Usually I put up the tree around Thanksgiving and leave it till New Year's. This year it got put up late and hopefully it will come down early.

Our daughter came up and helped me set up the tree, then decorated it by herself. I couldn't seem to get into the spirit of doing anything this year. But she did a great job; the tree looked pretty (and still does). She came another day and wrapped gifts to go under the tree.

After she got that much done, I finished up, but it was only minimum decorating this year. I bought a new wreath for the front door, but decided to use it in the living room and I put last year's wreath on the front door. I took down the inside wreath this morning.

I have an antique wash stand that usually holds a flower box that says, "Country road, take me home", but I moved the box and placed my lighted nativity scene on the

table. The mantle has two lanterns with candles, joined by my three Santas that stayed lost for two or three years. I added greenery and tucked some colored ornaments along in the cedar branches.

I placed a few pieces of another nativity set in the corner of one of my kitchen cabinets and put a lighted ceramic tree on my dresser.

That was it. So you can see, it would not be a major task to put everything away. Especially if I had got right onto the task immediately after we had breakfast. But, for some reason I didn't.

We received a new radio/record player/CD/cassette player and I wanted to get it set up. In order to do this, I had to rearrange some things.

The washstand, which was usually in a corner, was moved to the other side of the room near the door. The table that was there then went to the former home of the washstand. Then we set up the player and tried it out.

During this time, I was thinking about cooking something different for lunch. So we took a break from the job we were do-

ing, and I went to the kitchen. Prepared lunch, ate and cleaned the kitchen. By that time, my "undecorating" plans had fizzled.

Hubby napped a while and during that time I researched the washstand, because it reminded me of Grannie's washstand which was on her front porch.

She had a little table on which stood a water bucket with a dipper in it. A wash pan sat next to it, and a towel hung just above it. Also above the table was a small mirror fastened to the wall. This is where we all washed our hands before going to the table to eat and where Pap (our granddaddy) shaved and combed his hair, in addition to "washing up" after coming in from working in the field.

As you can see, I got all caught up in memories of days from long ago, and never got back to the job I was supposed to have been doing.

This getting past Christmas is hard when the old memories flood in.

So, for the remainder of the day, I will revel in the memories and start over tomorrow.

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EDUCATION

Glenbrook School's Students of the Month



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Khaleesi Smith (left) has been chosen as Glenbrook School's Elementary Student of the Month. Khaleesi is in third grade and was nominated as Student of the Month because of her outstanding work ethic and her kindness to her fellow students. Khaleesi always has a positive attitude and is respectful to both her teachers and peers. Outside of school she enjoys art and playing with her dogs.**

**Spencer Brantley (right) has been named Glenbrook School's High School Student of the Month. Spencer is in the 10th grade and was nominated as Student of the Month for his constant dedication and positive, uplifting character in class. Spencer makes academics his priority and is actively involved in class at all times. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to his classmates and is a positive motivator within the class. He is a remarkable young man with a bright future ahead of him.**

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A STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Most Prevalent of Resolutions

I don't remember the comedian, but a radio routine described a man who spotted a sign proclaiming, "I LOST WEIGHT. ASK ME HOW." Then a phone number which the man called and asked, "So how did you lose weight?" The voice on the telephone succinctly revealed, "Diet and exercise."

Happy New Year. Many celebrate making New Year's resolutions, the most common of which I'm guessing is to lose weight. Drop pounds. Shed baggage. Slim down. Lighten up. I've made the resolution many a time and not just January 1. Birthdays, beginnings of the month, any of the four equinoxes, Mondays. Tried them all in my years ranging from pudgy to obese. Lost some weight and rediscovered it.

Weight Watchers worked for me. Back in Missouri, I dropped tens of pounds ten years apart between diligent spells attending meetings, weekly weigh-ins, and keeping a disciplined diary of everything you eat and drink. It works. Years later I discovered the formula for calculating points. It's basically a point for every 50 calories consumed. The

daily point total ranges for weight loss are usually in the twenties. So, let's say 25 points means you get 1,250 calories to eat in a single day. It's simple, it works, and it leaves you hungry. Of course, you won't starve. You'll just find yourself thinking about food. All your waking hours. I can testify it makes you a peckish dieter. Although it was certainly nice to have a slimmer belly.

I'm more obsessive-compulsive than most folks but even I tire of the food diary commitment. Calculate every morsel of food and write it down. Add those points. Try and hit your sum total later in the evening. Eating at restaurants is a challenge to precisely measure portion sizes. You find yourself in tempting situations where calories abound and we're hard wired to stock up while we can. Food deprivation is far less likely in our day and age but for distant ancestors it was a real thing.

The lowest and earliest layer below our cerebral crockpot is the hindbrain or what some refer to as the

reptilian brain. The brainstem. The basal ganglia. We've instinctive safeguards to ensure our survival and the desire for fuel is common to living entities. Fat, sugar, and salt are enticing and more

available now in the world of processed food that's relatively inexpensive. It might not be a healthy option but it's accessible and plentiful. Your

forebrain covers higher functions including powers of reasoning and thinking outside of the now to a future time when you'll again have the opportunity to chow down. Food is basically at your fingertips requiring merely a trip to your pantry, the grocery store, or a fast-food drive thru. Forebrain knows this and should keep you calmly making healthy decisions for your body. Hindbrain is in a state of panicky fight or flight mode. What we call will power is a contest between your forebrain and hindbrain. If I see a bag of Fritos or some peanut M&Ms then my forebrain is hobbled and likely to lose.

Intelligent design? Maybe back in the day. But our systems could

stand improvement. I once read a book describing our brains as a kludge, an expedient solution to a problem that ideally needs to go back to the drawing board for redesign. Psychologist author Gary Marcus 2008 book "Kluge: The Haphazard Construction of the Human Mind" is a fascinating read. Kluge, often spelled kludge, is a computer design term.

Pile new systems atop old ones. It needn't be best. It only has to be good enough to survive. The first improvement to work first prevails. Not just our brains, but also our backs. That spine works okay for your horizontally situated dog. But we vertically oriented humans might better be supported by three columns, like a tripod according to Marcus. I can tell you as an old camera operator, there's no stable substitute for a tripod if you aspire to perform smooth pans and tilts. As a pedestrian overcoming a broken leg, I can't picture a three-legged gait. Yet I come close to achieving it with my cane. It's a marvelous tool for balance and hooking items from high shelves.

It's hard to get your head around the idea

because we would look so different. Likewise utilizing a single orifice for taking in both food and oxygen? That's not the best design. It works more often than not but it poses choking risk. So far, I've been lucky enough to take in plenty of air and lots of calories. Too many of the latter.

Once you reach your goal weight in Weight Watchers, you're given Lifetime Member status. And they don't rescind it when you fatten back up. You have to pay to again attend meetings, but attain and maintain goal and the program is free. At least last time I checked.

Meetings are a time commitment but provide a support group. I was most entertained by the tales of gluttony from checkered pasts. A Weight Watchers leader once confessed she devoured an entire pecan pie at a single sitting. Apple or cherry maybe. But a rich pecan pie? I tipped my cap to that feat as I might to the people who eat all those hot dogs at Fourth of July contests. They call them competitive eaters or speed eaters. It's actually a sport.

I recall when a member with a heartfelt

grievance and a prominent bust once cried foul to our meeting leader for the program weight requirements discriminating against the well-endowed. Through no fault of her own impulse control, she carried a lot of weight up top and it hurt her weekly numbers. She had a strong point yet the leader was not empowered to adjust the system.

Although I lost weight while hospitalized, I gained it back during my recent convalescence. I first blamed the surgical insertion of a titanium rod and accompanying hardware. I'm loaded with metal I deem heavy without sturdy proof. More likely flab I didn't walk off during my months on a single leg. New year. New opportunities. New excuses. Or perhaps the same ones. The food's great in Louisiana. A real hindbrain pleaser.

We each have our addictions. Whether you're trying to beat sugar, caffeine, alcohol, nicotine, opioids, or something else in the new year, I wish you luck. Overcoming our recalcitrant brains is tricky business.

WRITTEN BY DIRK ELLINGSON



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SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Crimson Tide falls to Booker T. Washington, 66-42

The Minden High School boys basketball team opened 2022 with a loss on Monday night as the Crimson Tide lost to Booker T. Washington by the score of 66-42. Pictured are the Crimson Tides's Stafford Bailey (15), Tydarrium Green (23) and Kell Hawk in action during a late December game against Lakeside at the Doc Edwards Classic at Airline High School.

LA Tech's Williams honored

Sophomore guard named C-USA Player of Week

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech's Cobe Williams was voted Conference USA Player of the Week after helping lead the Bulldogs to a pair of league victories over Marshall and Western Kentucky.

The sophomore point guard came into the first weekend of C-USA play averaging seven points a game, but proceeded to average 20 points while shooting 62 percent from the field and 43 percent from three in the two home wins.

In the C-USA opener, the Dallas native tallied a career-high 22 points on 9-of-16 shooting in LA Tech's dominant 79-56 victory over Marshall. He also added three steals while helping hold the

Herd to a season low in points and the lowest field goal percentage by a C-USA opponent since 2015.

Williams turned around on Saturday and helped the Bulldogs overcome a 17-point deficit (down 12 with 3:05 to go) to defeat WKU, 74-73, in tying for the largest comeback victory in Thomas Assembly Center history.

He was clutch down the stretch, scoring eight straight points in the span of 38 seconds (including back-to-back 3-pointers) to tie the game up at 72-all. He finished with 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting, including a career-high four made threes.

This is the first ever C-USA Player of the Week honor for Williams.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LA TECH ATHLETICS

Louisiana Tech's Cobe Williams goes up for a layup during Saturday's win for the Bulldogs over Western Kentucky.

Texas Southern tops G-Men, 67-61

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING (AP) — PJ Henry had 16 points as Texas Southern defeated Grambling State 67-61 on Wednesday night.

John Walker III had 12 points and eight rebounds for Texas Southern (3-8, 1-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference). John Jones added 10 points.

Amari McCray had 13 points for Grambling State (3-11, 0-1), whose losing streak reached six

games. Cameron Christon added 12 points. Tra'Michael Moton had 11 points and seven rebounds.

Texas Southern (3-8 overall, 1-1 SWAC) raced out to a 10-5 lead following a jumper by Jordan Gilliam with 17:01 remaining in the opening half.

Grambling State (4-11, 1-1) inched back to tie the game at 12-12 with a layup by Quentin Murrell at the 13:10 mark.

GSU grabbed a four-

point lead, 16-12 following a pair of free throws from Cameron Christon.

John Walker III put Texas Southern back in front, 21-20, with a 3-pointer with 6:28 to go in the first half.

Grambling tied the game two more times before going into halftime trailing Texas Southern, 34-29.

The G-Men opened the second half going on an 16-7 run to push ahead of Texas Southern, leading by as much as nine,

52-43, with 10:59 to play.

Texas Southern fought back, tying the game at 58 with 2:27 remaining in regulation.

But in the end, GSU couldn't fend off TSU, as Texas Southern finished the game on a 9-3 run to secure the victory.

Grambling State shot 36.4 percent (20-for-55) from the floor and 73.7 percent (14-for-19) from the free-throw line.

Zahad Munford led GSU with 13 points while adding one rebound.

Saints defense hopes for a better rush vs. Falcons QB Ryan

METAIRIE (AP) — The New Orleans Saints' defense has led the team's playoff push.

The Saints (8-8) have won three of their past four as the defense dominated the Jets, shut out Tom Brady and the Buccaneers and held Carolina scoreless for the final 43 minutes last week.

That last victory kept the team's postseason hopes alive going into the regular-season finale at Atlanta on Sunday. If the Saints win and the Rams defeat the 49ers, New Orleans will be in the playoffs for a fifth consecutive season.

But the Saints know they will have to do a better job of defending Matt Ryan and the Falcons' offense than they did in the first meeting this season.

Ryan passed for a season-high 343 yards and two touchdowns as the



Falcons beat the Saints 27-25 on Nov. 7 in the Superdome. That loss started a five-game losing streak that preceded New Orleans' current surge.

The Saints took their only lead of the game — at 25-24 — with 61 seconds remaining, but Ryan's 64-yard pass to Cordarrelle Patterson set up Young-hoe Koo's winning 29-yard field goal as time expired.

It was the fourth completion of at least 30 yards in the game by Ryan, who was 23 of 30 and didn't turn the ball over.

"We felt like we mixed it up pretty good defen-

sively," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "We let one get over our head."

Payton expects the Saints to have a better idea of what the Falcons will do as they face first-year head coach Arthur Smith, a former Titans offensive coordinator, for a second time.

"The offense changed, obviously, with the coaching staff change," Payton said. "And we felt like, and we still do when you watch it, the rhythm and timing of the passing game is a half count to a full count quicker, as far as the routes and where (Ryan) is going with the football, and that's just an offensive change."

Ryan has been sacked 37 times this season and Atlanta has allowed a league-worst 83 pressures. Ryan was sacked five times in a 29-15 loss at Buffalo last week, the eighth time this season he has been sacked

at least three times.

The Saints sacked him just twice as the 36-year-old regularly avoided the rush and even ran for a 1-yard touchdown.

"He's always been able to flush from the pocket," Payton said. "If you go way back, he's been one of those guys that climbs heavy off of those naked boots and gets the ball downfield and so a lot of it's dependent on who he's had running the offense for him."

"But he'll climb up and then peel off for 10 yards on third down easily. He's a good athlete."

Ryan hasn't always been that successful at avoiding the Saints' pass rushers, especially end Cameron Jordan, who has been dominant the past three weeks. Jordan has 7 1/2 of his 11 1/2 sacks this season in that time and was

the NFC defensive player of the week after the wins against the Bucs and the Panthers.

Jordan has 22 of his 106 sacks against Ryan, the highest total for one defender against one quarterback in the NFL since sacks became an official statistic in 1982, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"He's a great player," Smith said of Jordan. "He's been a good player in this league for a long time. We've got a ton of respect for him. The simple answer is we've got to find way to block him because he can wreck the game. We'll do our damndest to make sure he's accounted for on every play."

Jordan sacked Ryan once in the November meeting and his resurgence has coincided with the return to health of fellow end Marcus Davenport and

the return of three backup linemen from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

"I think it's helped everyone out," tackle David Onyemata said. "Going into the game, knowing you can't double-team someone the entire game, having to account for other players, has been a big thing for everyone."

After Jordan sacked Brady twice and forced him to fumble in the Saints' 9-0 victory last month, Jordan dismissed the suggestion it might have been his best game, citing the four sacks he had of Ryan in a Saints victory on Thanksgiving 2019.

He'll try to add to his record total against Ryan on Sunday.

"Cam has been playing legendary, for sure," linebacker Kwon Alexander said. "He's been going crazy."

Cowboys face sit-or-play decisions in regular-season finale before playoffs

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have to figure out whether to play quarterback Dak Prescott and the other stars and starters with only playoff seeding at stake in the finale of the first 17-game regular season at Philadelphia.

The offense could use the time to figure out what happened to the unit that routinely produced at least 400 yards during a 6-1 start, and try to bury the inconsistent showings in the 5-4 record since.

The Cowboys (11-5) know what they have on defense going into

a second consecutive matchup with another playoff-bound team in the Eagles (9-7) on Saturday night. They can't dominate without forcing turnovers.

There's a good chance Dallas will remain the fourth seed regardless of the outcome against Philadelphia and play Arizona at home again in a wild-card game two weeks after the Cardinals' 25-22 victory at AT&T Stadium.

"I plan on playing," Prescott said. "Period."

With the Eagles assured of being no better than the sixth seed,

a game moved up a day into primetime might be a glorified preseason contest. But Dallas coach Mike McCarthy indicated the Cowboys would play their starters, saying they would "line up to do what we need to do to win the game."

"We feel strongly that we need to stay in a rhythm," McCarthy said Monday. "This is our first time in the playoffs together. So we want to go in there as strong as possible from a play-style, momentum standpoint."

It's also worth noting the Cowboys haven't beaten a team with a win-

ning record since Week 4.

"We're still trending in the right direction, whether it be a loss today or not," defensive end Randy Gregory said. "Philly is going to be a tough game — an NFC rival and playing there. It's going to be a little bit of a playoff atmosphere for us. If we just go out there and take care of business, we'll go into the playoffs on a good note."

WHAT'S WORKING

Prescott seems to be getting more comfortable running nearly 15 months removed from the gruesome compound fracture of his right an-



kle that ended his 2020 season. While this is an indictment of a stalled Dallas run game, Prescott had a team-high 20 yards and helped keep the last two touchdown drives against Arizona alive with his legs.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The offensive line just isn't creating enough

running room for Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard, even with all five expected starters finally together. Elliott had 16 yards, the second-lowest total of the two-time rushing champ's six-year career. The combined Elliott-Pollard total of 25 yards was a season low.

The blockers compounded the problem with three holding penalties, all of which led to punts. The first was by eight-time Pro Bowl LT Tyron Smith in his return after missing the past two games with an ankle injury that has sidelined him for five games overall.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## THE MAKINGS OF A WONDERFUL, BLESSED NEW YEAR!

In this complicated world, filled with chaos, moving at a hectic pace, and flashing Matt. 24 before our eyes daily, it is difficult to see how 2022 can be a year filled with blessings and spiritual victories! But the triumphant Lord (in our minds and hearts) must rise up from the manger and reign as our Resurrected Prince of Peace. Some would want the Christ-child to stay in the manger, there among the cattle, with the shepherds hovered over Him. They want the angels to continue singing ‘peace on earth good will toward men’ and the story of the 3 Wise Men to be retold throughout the year. But we must take the Christmas tree down, store it away and begin reading ‘the rest of the story.’ Jesus grew to be a man and after his baptism (Matt 3:13; Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21;

John 1:29)....He began to gather His disciples and share about his kingdom’s work. The Gospel of John would be a good place to start for He tells how Jesus was the Word and was with God from the beginning. In the fullness of time, this Word (Jesus) was sent to earth and became flesh (in the Bethlehem manger) in the form of a babe (born of the Virgin Mary) to become the Savior of the world (the Promised Messiah). Yes, Jesus grew up in the Nazareth house-hold of Joseph and Mary. Luke 2 gives the account of Jesus accompanying his parents to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. Surely, many precious thoughts had been whirling in his



Bill Crider

developing mind as he sat and listened to the teachers in the temple courts. This is where his parents found him, ‘admonished’ him, then took him home with them (Nazareth). Luke 2:51-52 gives us our only insight into Jesus’ life as he matured into a young man. He went home with them and was obedient to them in every way. As He grew into manhood, Mary perhaps observed and pondered many things about him. How could she but remember with sheer awe Jesus’ immaculate birth; the words Anna and Simeon said when they met in the Temple at Jesus’ dedication? (Luke 2:31-38). So as we move away from the Christmas celebration and embrace this New Year, perhaps

Psalms 19:7-8 can set the stage for a wonderful year of praise, worship and recommitment to our Lord. “The Lord’s instruction is perfect. It renews our life. His testimony is trustworthy; it will make the inexperienced wise. The precepts of the Lord are right, making the heart glad. His commands are radiant to the soul, making our eyes light up.” If we can but rediscover these – the wonder of worship; the power of prayer and spending time with the Lord; if we could polish anew the great wisdom found only in God’s Holy Word; if we would embrace the boldness and strength of His presence moving among us as we respond to the call to discipleship...Then our goals for this New Year might be expressed in our lives and through

our churches, heeding His call upon us to: 1) Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these ‘things necessary for life’ will be added unto you; (Matt 6:33). 2) Come, follow Me and I will make you to become fishers of men; (Matt 4: 18-20). 3) You are the salt of the earth and you are the light of the world; (Matt 5:13-14). 4) A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another; (John 13: 34). 5) I give to my sheep eternal life and no one can snatch them out of my hand; (John 10: 27-30). 6) As you go into the world, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you... and trust me for I will be with you

to the very end of the time/the age. (Matt. 28:19-20). Jesus taught so many more commands, promises and guarantees, that if incorporated into one’s life this New Year, the world around us would be dramatically changed. God would be glorified; souls would be saved and earth would be filled with His glory. God would be honored as never before. Don’t you think it’s worth a try? God is willing; we must join Him. Have a wonderful and blessed New Year!

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### God Created

*“and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,” Ephesians 3:9 ESV*

flesh and dwelt with us. Jesus was Emmanuel, God with us. In Colossians Paul writes that all things were created and are held together by Christ.



Max Hutto

In a short little phrase Paul states a fact that is highly debated in the world today. God created all things. Genesis states that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. John begins his gospel with the Trinitarian statement that in the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and was God. All things came into being through the Word. The Word became

Lord God, in Your power and for Your glory You created all things. In Your grace You planned this great mystery to save all people who come to faith in Christ.

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### LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

#### 2024

For the past 6 months I’ve been thinking that the Democrats could not possibly win in 2024. I’m sure that others have thought the same. Then I remembered the scripture in Daniel where GOD says, “I rule in the kingdom of men and I set over them whom I please, even the basest of men.” I’ve been praying for a long time that God would do what-

ever necessary to bring America to repentance by whatever means necessary. I believe that God may be answering that prayer. He may be using politics to bring about a change in this country. Come soon Lord Jesus.



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40 Slender woodwinds  
42 "You win"  
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### 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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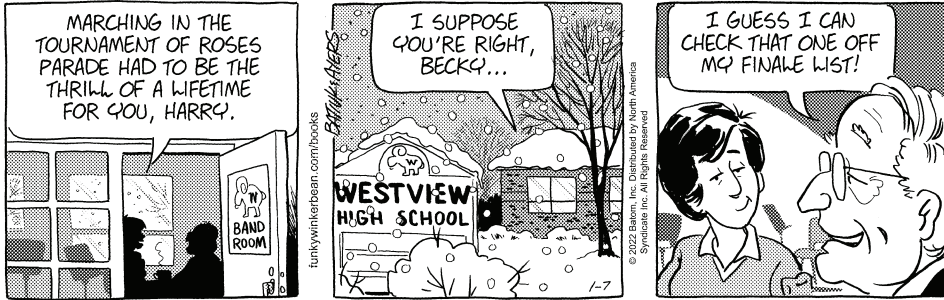
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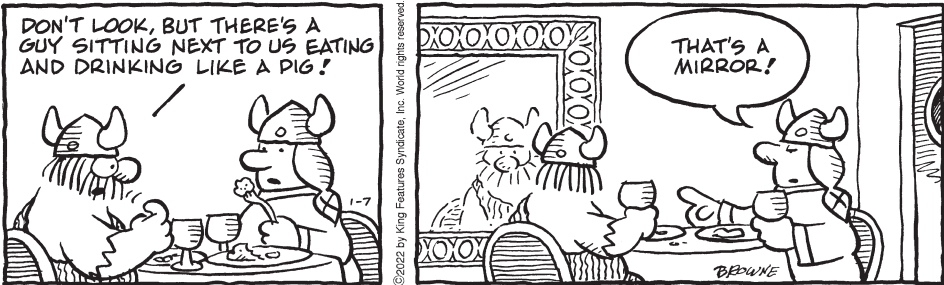
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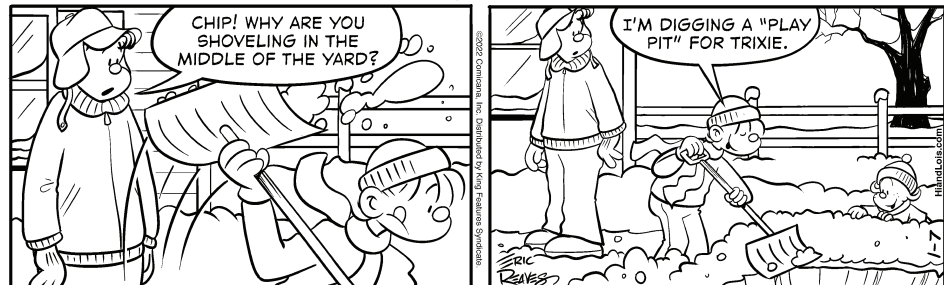
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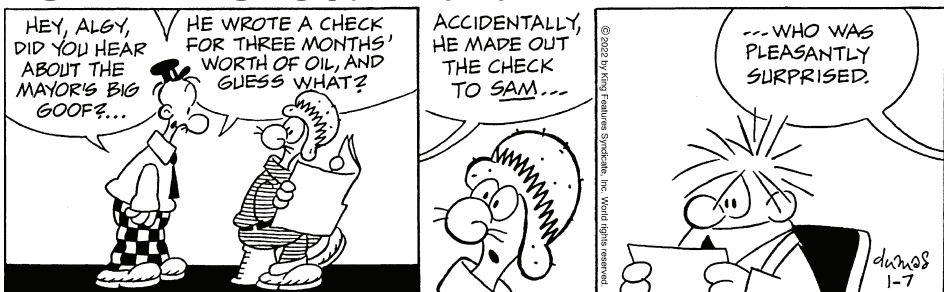
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### MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM I MIKE PETERS



### SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS



## CRYPTOQUIP

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CRYPTOQUIP

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### SHERIFF’S SALE

B1 BANK VS. RUSSELL DALE GODWIN, A/K/A RUSSELL D. GODWIN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79630

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 18.26 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4). Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing iron pipe located at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter said Section 21; thence run North 00 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 381.51 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run South 51 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East for a distance of 170.28 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 24 degrees 30 minutes 57 seconds East for a distance of 412.60 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 66 degrees 55 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 420.41 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 24 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds East for a distance of 420.00 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe located on the apparent South right of way of Harvey Barbershop Road and run along said right of way for the next 7 calls; thence run South 69 degrees 41 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 136.62 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 69 degrees 01 minutes 44 seconds East for a distance of 72.66 feet to a set

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

**December 10, 2021**  
**January 7, 2022**  
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### VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CARLY COLLIER AND CHRISTIE GATES. ABSENT JAKIE DANIELS.

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY STEVEN BRIDWELL AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.

NO ADDITIONS WERE ADDED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 6, 2021. SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER AND SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-2 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY FOR ROAD REPAIRS ON AGAPE LANE. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

JOHNNY MONTGOMERY, MAINTENANCE REPORT- ABSENT

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR- ABSENT

ROBBY HAYDEN, CHIEF’S REPORT: ABSENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

**January 7, 2022**  
**Minden Press-Herald**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022.**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Prayer was offered by Terika Williams-Walker and Michael Roy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on December 6, 2021, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Michael Roy moved to elect Pam Bloxom, Council representative for District E, as Mayor Pro Tempore for the Year 2022. The motion died for lack of a second.

Pam Bloxom moved to elect Michael Roy, Council representative for District D, as Mayor Pro Tempore for the Year 2022. The motion died for lack of a second. No further motion was offered.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to

confirm Lita Hopkins as a police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1123, an Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Chapter 34, Criminal Code, Article VIII, Offenses Affecting Minors to Add Sections 34-267 through 34-273, Curfew for Juveniles, to the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy. Wayne Edwards offered an amended motion that Ordinance No. 1123 be postponed indefinitely. The amended motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nays: Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The amended motion carried.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

No action was taken on Agenda Item (F), Adopt Resolution – Authorizing Signatory Power.

The council voted unanimously in favor of awarding Bid No. 06-21, Backyard Track Unit with a Pole Dolly, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all specifications, by motion of Michael Roy and duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker.

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of November, 2021. No motion was required.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council unanimously approved the Police Report for November of 2021, as presented.

Announcements were heard, Council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

Please note: All attachments to these minutes are on file for public viewing at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street during regular working hours.

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