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CRIME

## WPSO responds to Interstate Shoot out

STAFF REPORT  
 Minden Press-Herald



What was described by Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker as a modern day western shootout took place along I-20 this Sunday between one Shreveport resident and two people from Tennessee. The shootout began around the 52 mile marker on I-20 in Webster Parish and continued well into the Shreveport/Bossier Area with the two involved parties exchanging gunfire while driving down the interstate.

The Shreveport resident sustained a gunshot wound to the neck, but was able to be stabilized after receiving medical attention. The two Tennessee residents bailed from their vehicle after a chase with law enforcement ensued, evading authorities by foot. They were later arrested at a bus stop attempting to leave town.

“Two guys from Tennessee that were involved, they could have easily pulled over for law enforcement, but they decided to run from the police, not only in their vehicle, but on foot,” said Sheriff Parker.

Sheriff Parker, Chief Haynes, and other deputies from the Sheriff’s Office traveled to where the Tennessee residents bailed from their vehicle.

cate the gun used in the shooting.

“It was like looking for a needle in the haystack. We wanted to recover the gun that actually did the shooting. Neither of the suspects would cooperate, but we got it,” said Parker.

With the crime scene extending down the interstate and through multiple jurisdictions, Sheriff Parker commented on his appreciation for the other law enforcement agencies that coordinated with the Sheriff’s Office for this case.

“The extensive crime scene stretches from I-20 all the way to Bossier City. There are a lot of moving parts,” said Parker. “I can’t tell you how much I appreciate all the other agencies stepping in and helping out like they always do. The working relationship we have with those other departments is what makes this all work so much better.”

At this point in time the investigation is still ongoing. The Minden Press-herald will publish more relevant details if they become available.

EDUCATION

## Webster Parish’s Students of the Year

AMBER MCDOWN  
 Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board has announced the Webster Parish Students of the Year for 2022. The outstanding students chosen were Presley Wood of E.S. Richardson Elementary, Shadavion Martin of Doyline High in the middle school division, and Connor Heard of Minden High. As a message posted by the school board states, “They will now advance to Regional competition in February.”

Students of the Year are selected based on their leadership, citizenship, and academic achievements. To be eligible to compete, students must maintain a 3.1 grade point average (on a four-point scale) for the three years prior to competing. Another eligibility requirement is grade level: 5th grade for elementary, 8th grade for middle school,



WOOD



HEARD



MARTIN

and 12th grade for high school.

Eligible students submit portfolios containing several items: an autobiographical “sketch” which describes their family histories, interests, career aspirations, and issues that are important to them; academic records including scores from tests such as CLEP, ACT, WorkKeys or any certificates that they have earned;

evidence of leadership or participation in community activities; and writing samples. The students also complete an interview process. Judges are looking for students who are honest and dependable, involved with their peers and communities, and who have outstanding communication skills both verbally and in writing.

The Regional and

State competitions will be based on the same qualifications. According to the Department of Education’s guidelines for this competition, the State awards will be “presented to the twenty-one regional finalists and to the three State Students of the Year.” The State competitions are scheduled for April 13, 2022, and are traditionally held in Baton Rouge.

MLK DAY CELEBRATIONS

## Community gives back on MLK day

WILL PHILLIPS  
 Minden Press-Herald

Members of the local community got together this Monday in order to hold an MLK Day of Service to honor the memory and work of Martin Luther King Jr. This day included acts of service such as a coat give away, voter registration drives, and feeding fellow members of the local community.

“It’s a day of service, and a group of me and some of my friends decided to just come out and do something for the community,” said community member Breleisha Gilbert. While Gilbert and her friends are part of local organizations, this day of service encompassed more than any one particular group. While organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa Inc., the Walker Holding Group took part in making this day of service possible, ultimately these events came together through members of the community coming together and finding out ways to give back to their hometown.

“This is where we grew up, we know everybody around the community. We wanted to just come out and figure out what we could do to give back to where we all grew up,” said Gilbert.

Derrick Parker was also one of the individuals out and about during this day



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A group of friends got together near Woo’s Barber Shop on MLK Day in order to give out free food, drinks, and host a coat drive in order to honor the memory of Martin Luther King through acts of Service.



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As part of the MLK Day of Service, soup was made and shared with the elderly at Mt. Calm Senior Hamlet this past Monday.

of service, and did his part by pooling donations in order to fund a coat drive. They were able to purchase fifty coats and jackets and were able to give them all out to people in need before the day was over.

“We just want to try to bring some love into

the community. We’re in a dark time right now. There’s a lot of violence going on. The youth, they lack understanding in a lot of ways so we’re trying to step into that place and bring that love through service,” said Parker.

“We want to be an inspiration. Give hope and

give faith to the kids, parents, and adults. Let them know that somebody cares. That’s what today is all about, it’s MLK weekend, and you know what he stood for, he was all about the love, and we just want to keep that going.”

CONSTRUCTION

## RAMP CLOSURE: I-20 eastbound at Exit 47 (Minden), Webster Parish

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development advises motorists that I-20 eastbound at Exit 47 (Minden - LA 159/US 371) in Webster Parish will be closed on the night of Tuesday, January 25, 2022 for the purpose of crash attenuator repair.

This ramp closure is scheduled to take place beginning at 8:00 p.m. and will be reopened by 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.


A crash attenuator, also known as an impact attenuator, is a device intended to reduce the damage to structures, vehicles, and lessen injuries to motorists resulting from a collision. These devices are designed to absorb the colliding vehicle’s energy.

Alternate Route: Detour signage will be in place. Traffic will be detoured to Exit 49 (LA 531).

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LEGISLATION

Rep. Hollis files bill to restrict HOAs

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

Homeowners associations should not be able to restrict property owners’ ability to protect family and property, says Rep. Paul Hollis, R-Mandeville. Hollis today filed legislation that would set limits on homeowners associations’ authority. The bill will be debated in the regular session of the Legislature. “With St. Tammany Parish having one of the highest per capita rates of residents living within an HOA-managed community in the state, it’s troubling to learn of folks that have experienced selective enforcement of both the covenants and restrictions,” Hollis said. “I’ve also heard accounts of HOAs that are selective

in which families they choose to take action for and against.” Rep. Hollis mentioned that he, too, has experienced this kind of selective enforcement within his own community. “HOAs have limited accountability and I have an issue with diluting property owners’ rights,” he said. “It’s a troubling and growing trend as we have seen more and more HOA-managed communities develop in St. Tammany and across Louisiana. While I agree that HOAs can offer some benefits to homeowners and neighborhoods that they manage, I have heard of and I have experienced first-hand very troubling scenarios. “I look forward to a thorough debate on this issue,” Hollis said. “I look

forward to sharing with the Legislature my own experience and I know others will be happy to share their stories as well. While many covenants and restrictions make sense, I don’t think any HOA, or any government entity for that matter, should have ANY rules and/or regulations that get in the way of property owners protecting what they own, and more importantly, their families.” Hollis said it is likely that a companion bill that affords property owners the ability to opt-out of existing HOAs will be debated as well. The state Legislature will convene a limited session to discuss reapportionment beginning February 1 and its regular session will begin March 14.

COMMUNITY

Neighbors concerned about rezoning Grace Estate

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

Residents of the Historic Residential District of Minden are concerned about possible zoning changes at Grace Estate. Grace Estate, located at 1114 Broadway, was originally called Rathbun House. According to the Minden Historic Residential District’s website, Rathbun House was built in 1910 by Samuel Grigsby. The house was inherited by Mrs. Cornelius Hutton and later passed down to Juliet Hutton Rathbun. It remained a Rathbun home until about 2016 when it was sold to become the bed and breakfast known as Grace Estate.



The agenda for the Minden Planning Commission, dated January 6, 2022, states that “the purpose of this zoning variance is to use the property as a bed and breakfast/inn with lounge and event center.” Members of the Minden Historic Residential District have received many complaints over the past few years regarding “noise, maintenance, garbage, and zoning usage

violations.” In a Facebook post, one member, Leslie Rainer, urges district neighbors to come to the next Planning Commission meeting: “It is very important that you come and have your voices heard!” The Minden Planning Commission will be meeting at City Hall to discuss rezoning on Thursday, February 3rd at 10:00 am.

MEDICAL

Northwest Louisiana Medical Society Honors Phillip Rozeman, MD, for Distinguished Service

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Phillip Rozeman, MD, a founding physician of Willis-Knighton Cardiology, is the recipient of the 59th annual Distinguished Service Award given by the Northwest Louisiana Medical Society. The award recognizes individuals for their outstanding contribution in medicine. “Dr. Rozeman is a consummate physician leader and has devoted a great deal of his time and effort in improving the overall health of the community he serves,” said Brandi Gaitan, Northwest Louisiana Medical Society CEO.

“It is an honor to be recognized for distinguished service by a group of people who serve others every day of their lives,” Dr. Rozeman said. “I don’t think my service to others is even close to others on the list of the recipients over the years. I am humbled at being among those on a list that includes Ike Muslow, John McDonald, Stan Shelby, and so many more great physicians.” In addition to being a founder and president of Willis-

Knigh-ton Cardiol-ogy and Minden Heart and Vascular Center, Dr. Rozeman is past Chief of Staff of Willis-Knighton and Minden Medical Center and previous president of the Shreveport Medical Society. Dr. Rozeman is active in multiple areas of community service locally and statewide. He currently serves on the board of the Louisiana Committee of 100, Louisiana Association of Business, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, LSUS and Bossier Parish Community College Foundations, and the Magnolia K-12 Charter School. He has been named Business Leader of the Year by both the Shreveport and Minden Chambers of Commerce, and is a

member of the Northwest Louisiana Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame. He received the John Miciotto Healthcare Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bossier Chamber of Commerce and the “Spirit of Martin Luther King Award” from the City of Shreveport. He is past chairman of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Blueprint Louisiana, Alliance for Education, Education’s Next Horizon, and the Caddo-Shreveport Master Plan Advisory board. Over the last 25 years, he has received the annual community service awards of the Northwest Louisiana and Acadiana United Way, LSUS, Shreveport Bar Association, March of Dimes, and the Council for A Better Louisiana (CABL).

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OBITUARIES



Franklin Derald Kirkland, Jr.

Franklin Derald Kirkland, Jr. was called home during the late hours of his 68th birthday on January 12, 2022. Derald (known in North Louisiana as ‘Derry’) was proud to call Minden his hometown. A 1972 graduate (and self-proclaimed “track star”) of Minden High School, he chose Baton Rouge as his home. Derald went from a frequent visitor of the Assistant Principal’s office to a well-respected man whose life’s purpose was to spread “Peace, Love and Happiness.” Derald spent 21 years working to lay foundations for “The Information Super Highway” in Louisiana State offices. Before retiring in 2013, Derald impacted and inspired countless lives in his career as Director of the Office of Telecommunications Management (OTM), creating life-long friends and confidants. In 2004, Derald was given his favorite promotion of all with a new title of “Poppy”. His “Princess”, “Bud” and “Sunshine” were the center of his universe, and he was more than happy to share that fact with any and all he met. Music was not just a

pastime but a passion for Derald. Curating the perfect playlists, sharing newfound bands, songs and genres, attempting to learn the chords on his guitar, he passed his love for music down to his son, “JB”. He spent his days pretending to not like the “two monsters” (Tiger & Sissy), who could be found snuggled up next to him as he listened to his music. Derald is survived by his wife of 14 years, Christine Laird Kirkland, his daughter Kellie Noel Linton and husband Lane Linton, and Son Jeremy Benton Kirkland and stepson Luke Easterly. His grandchildren Allison Noel Linton, Jackson Lane Linton, Emmaline James Linton and Evangeline Claire Linton. His father Derald Kirkland Sr. and stepmother Mary Jo Skinner Kirkland and 2 sisters Renee Carlisle and Sharon Lennox, Brother Neil Lee and stepsiblings Jo Ellen Paul, Patty Smith and Lem Grigsby. Preceded in death by his mother Carol Whitfield and sisters Linda Kirkland and Lisa Toland. A Memorial Visitation will be held locally, Thursday January 27th, 4:30pm-7:30pm at Ashley Manor Reception Center at 14214 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, as well as, a service, Saturday January 29th at 2pm at First Baptist Church’s West Chapel, 301 Pennsylvania Ave, Minden, La. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Derald’s honor, to The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society.

LOUISIANA INFRASTRUCTURE

Louisiana to receive \$1 billion for bridge improvements

(The Center Square) – Louisiana is set to receive \$1 billion over the next five years to improve 400 bridges throughout the state as part of the Bridge Formula Program included in the bipartisan infrastructure package.

Gov. John Bel Edwards last week announced the funding for Louisiana, which includes \$202.6 million this fiscal year. In total, the bridge program administered through the Federal Highway Administration will dedicate \$26.5 billion to states to help improve about 15,000 of the 45,023 bridges in poor condition nationwide.

“Louisiana will be well served by this program, as our funding needs for infrastructure projects are immense,” Edwards said.

“Bridge closures or weight restrictions severely hinder our agriculture, manufacturing and service industries, as well as public transit, commuter travel and school bus routes,” he said. “Limiting closures will provide a better overall quality of life to our residents, motorists and businesses.”

Louisiana is one of only seven states set to receive more than \$1 billion through the Bridge Formula Program, which awarded the most to California at \$4.2 billion, according to the Federal Highway Administration website.

Federal data show Louisiana has the seventh most bridges in poor condition with 1,634, behind only Iowa with 4,571, Pennsylvania with 3,353,



Illinois with 2,374, Oklahoma with 2,326, Missouri with 2,190, and New York with 1,702.

States are set to receive a total of \$5.3 billion, with another \$165 million going to tribes, during the first year of the program, which also covers “off-system” bridges, or bridges owned by counties, cities, towns or other local agencies that do not fall under the federal-aid highway system.

Louisiana has the third largest bridge infrastructure in the nation when considering number and size. Currently, there are 7,846 state owned bridges, with 795 in need of major repair or replacement, as well as 4,736 locally owned bridges, with 793 in need of repair or replacement, according to an Edwards news release.

Federal guidance issued with the program eliminated a typical 20% state or local funding match, meaning states

can use federal funds for 100% of local off-system projects.

“This new federal investment comes at the right time as many of our bridges, including those on the interstate system, are 45 to 65 years old,” Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Shawn Wilson said. “The number of bridges falling into poor condition is expected to increase greatly in the coming years and this funding will allow us to make necessary improvements before these bridges deteriorate to the point of closure. Having shared bridge closures with the public for some time, no parish is exempt and problems exist on state and local bridges alike. I am looking forward to using more than the minimum established by USDOT to help locals address their needs as well.”

The department identi-

fied at least 17 projects in 15 parishes set to advance in 2022.

Democrat U.S. Rep. Troy Carter, the only member of the state’s House delegation to vote for the infrastructure law, touted his work on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to help bring the nation’s largest investment in bridges to life.

He cited specific bridge projects advancing this year due to the funding: US90Z Harvey Canal Tunnel in Jefferson Parish, US 61 Jefferson Highway Overpass in East Baton Rouge Parish, the LA 47 Intracostal Waterway Gulf Outlet Bridge in Orleans Parish, and LA 404 Bayou and Canal Bridges in Iberville Parish.

“Repairing our bridges will make our community safer, create jobs in our local economy, allow commerce to move more efficiently, and help us stay connected,” Carter said.

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OTHER OPINION

Know your rights and how to protect them

WILLIAM HAUPT II  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

“At one time getting passing grades in civics and U.S. history were prerequisites for high school graduation. Our biggest mistake was to adopt common core and abandon this.” – Michael Polelle

Over five decades ago, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It established standards to protect the voting rights of all qualified U.S. voters. Contrary to liberal psychosis, the Voting Rights Act applies to every voter equally. It set parameters for each state to engrain within its voting laws.

To ensure equality, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed to protect the rights of ethnic minorities. But its core provisions, like the Voting Rights Act, protects the civil rights of all Americans equally. Contrary to leftist logic, neither of these gave more rights to one group and less rights to another.

Five decades later, many Americans don’t know the Civil Rights Act protects all citizens from age, gender, ethnic and religious discrimination, in addition to minority groups. Government cannot give any form of preference to one group, without abridging the same rights that others are entitled to.

As Boomers began to feel the pinch of age prejudice, many forgot that age discrimination is a key provision in the Civil Rights Act. And very few seniors ever filed complaints with the Department of Justice about this.

“We are marching for the civil rights of the Negroes and those of all Americans.” – Martin Luther King

Even fewer Americans know why our states were obliged to update their voting laws after the last election. All states laws must comply with provisions in the Voting Rights Act to protect “all voters.”

In response to the mayhem during the 2020 election, when blue states made up new laws as they went along, 43 states

updated voting laws to prevent a repeat of the insane bedlam that took place in 2020. Citizens asked state lawmakers to ensure that nobody could ever question how anybody who couldn’t get elected dog-catcher in his own state get the most votes in U.S. presidential history.

Since the Constitution obligates states to enforce the Voting Rights Act, after the last election they reviewed all mail-in voting, counting ballots received after Election Day, and ballot drop-boxes. All these issues truncated the intent of the Constitution and Voting Rights Acts. Yet in the woke world, if you don’t win the brass ring or can’t hijack it, you bellyache that your voting rights were violated!

By law, states are responsible for updating existing election laws when they do not comply with the Voting Rights Act that protects all individual voting rights. Yet progressives and identity groups are squealing like pigs in a bacon factory? Why are they upset with states trying to protect their rights?

The woke society is built on double standards. It can’t exist any other way. Wokes make up laws to justify breaking laws they don’t like. Either play the game their way or they will take their ball away.

“I learned that being ‘woke’ is being brainwashed by extremist liberal propaganda.” – Lillian Fang

Until the presidential election of 2000, the merits of the Voting Rights Act were seldom questioned. But the fiasco in Florida proved, if progressives want to win badly enough, no law will ever stand in their way. After five weeks of trying to turn Al Gore into a winner, the choice of our nation’s new leader came not from the citizens, but from a 5-4 majority of U.S. Supreme Court justices. Liberal contempt for our voting rights began long before the 2000 election when blue states started moving to all mail-in voting. They had the national media’s pump primed; there was no way Al Gore could pos-

sibly lose. When the media abruptly called the election for Gore, they ended up with egg on their faces and progressives and their liberal attorneys around the U.S. cried out election fraud!

“Hi. I’m Al Gore, and I used to be the next president of the United States of America.” – Al Gore

Although liberal media pollsters and pundits had been predicting a landslide victory for Al Gore, in the real world Pew Research, Gallop and other independent groups pictured a much tighter race.

They forecasted that fallout from the Clinton-Lewinsky sex scandal would mobilize conservatives against the left’s loose morality. Al Gore lost the entire south and even his home state, Tennessee.

In reaction to allegations about voter fraud, hanging chads, and especially mail in ballots that were supposedly miscounted, Democrats petitioned Washington to review U.S. voting rights again. The 2005 Commission on Election Reform, chaired by liberals Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker, concluded that the biggest threat to voting integrity was with mail in ballots.

“We conclude that mail-in voting remains the largest source of potential voter fraud.” – Jimmy Carter

Concerns about vote tampering have a long history in the U.S. They helped drive the move to the secret ballot, which all U.S. states adopted between 1888 and 1950. Secret ballots made it harder to intimidate voters and to monitor which candidate a voter had voted for. One University of Florida study found complaints about fraud fell by an average of 14% after states adopted secret ballots.

In woke America, facts are an “inconvenient truth.” There have never been more complaints about denial of individual rights, violations of voting rights, and claims of “systematic racism” coming from people who don’t know the rights “they have” and “do not have”

than any time in American history.

“I have faith in the United States and our ability to make good decisions based on facts.” – Al Gore

In 1865, following the Civil War, the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments and the 19th Amendment in 1920 guaranteed equal rights and universal suffrage for all Americans. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 protected those rights. That is why we must have voter ID laws. Every illegal vote cast nullifies the votes of the legitimate voters. Still, some people just don’t get it.

Socrates told us: “Man’s worst fault is his illusion of knowledge.” Today, it is more important than ever for Americans to know the rights that they have and to use them for their benefit. It is equally important that they are never violated. We do not have special laws for progressives and identity groups. And we can’t allow laws to pass that give rights to one group and take them from others.

Bills such as the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act deny the states of their right to scribe voting laws that meet the unique needs of their voters. Every politician that supports legislation giving a group something more than others such as Nixon’s affirmative action is denying others of their rights.

“When the President does it, that means that it’s not illegal.” – Richard Nixon

During the past year, we’ve witnessed continual assaults upon our judicial system by progressive politicians, wokes and activist identity groups. It is vital we know our rights and defend and protect them. If we don’t know them and we don’t use them, we cannot protect them and we will lose them.

“The creation of America was based on a simplistic idea of ‘Freedom and Justice for all.’ That idea alone gives us the wisdom and fortitude to protect those basic freedoms at all costs.” – Dave Clarke

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Los Angeles Times: U.S. cannot afford to be stingy with parents

Child poverty is bad for the United States. And we’re paying a terrible social and economic cost for allowing it to continue.

Children who grow up in poor families are more likely to struggle in school, suffer from stress and have poor health, compared with children in families living well above the poverty line. A growing body of research has found that adults who grew up very poor tend to have lower earnings, a heavier reliance on public assistance, have more health problems and are more likely to become entangled in the criminal justice system.

A landmark National Academy of Sciences report in 2019 estimated that childhood poverty costs the U.S. between \$800 billion and \$1.1 trillion a year through reduced adult productivity, increased costs of crime and health expenditures. The U.S. has one of the highest rates of child poverty among industrialized countries, and poverty here is disproportionately high among children of color, furthering systemic inequities.

So it’s deeply frustrating that one

of the nation’s most potentially powerful tools to reduce childhood poverty — the expanded federal child tax credit — was allowed to expire this month without so much as a vote in the U.S. Senate.

From July through December, approximately 36 million households with more than 61 million children received monthly payments of up to \$300 per child from the federal government. The long-time tax benefit that was increased and broadened for one year under President Biden’s \$1.9-trillion American Rescue Plan passed last March.

The president and many Democratic lawmakers intended to extend the more generous child tax credit for several more years and make certain provisions permanent through the “Build Back Better” bill. That hope was dashed — perhaps temporarily — last month when Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, whose vote was crucial to passage, announced he would not support the bill. Manchin cited the cost and details of the child tax credit as one

of his concerns.

Fine, debate the details. Even the outspoken supporters of the child tax credit have recommended changes to make the expanded version more sustainable. But abandoning this transformational expansion of the child tax credit would be a terrible mistake and set back efforts to lift the next generation out of poverty.

The child tax credit was adopted in 1997 as a middle-class tax cut. Over time and with bipartisan support, the value of the credit has increased along with who was eligible to receive it. As part of President Trump’s 2017 tax bill, Congress doubled the value of the credit, but the poorest families got nothing or only a partial credit because they didn’t earn enough to qualify for the full amount.

The American Rescue Plan increased the credit to a maximum of \$3,000 for children 6-17 and \$3,500 for children under 6, half paid in monthly installments and the other half at tax time.

And, most importantly, it made the maximum payment available

to families who earned little or no income, transforming the child tax credit into a powerful anti-poverty program.

And it worked.

By November, the tax credit kept 3.8 million children from poverty, according to the Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University, reducing the monthly child poverty rate by 29.4%.

During the six months of payments, researchers found that low-income families had higher checking account balances. As soon as the payments went out, there was a marked reduction in food insufficiency rates among low-income families.

Three out of four families spent the initial payments mostly on food, bills, clothing, housing, school and child care rather than save the money. Among families receiving food stamps, three-quarters said they used the child tax credit to pay overdue utility bills or prevent eviction or foreclosure. These are families living in constant stress, month to month, to keep a roof over their heads and the power on.

OTHER OPINION

Specht: Things are not going back to pre-pandemic ‘normal’

“I just want things to go back to normal.” How many times have you heard, or uttered, those words during the past two years?

When COVID-19 first arrived, the nation was shut down for what many thought would be just a couple of weeks to “flatten the curve.” The move was to protect health care providers from being overwhelmed with patients.

“Just a couple of weeks,” has turned into two years of various phases, pivots, and mandates. With the incredible outbreak of the Omicron variant, chances are you know more people who have been infected than those who have not.

What is my key takeaway from all this? There is no going back to pre-COVID “normal.” In fact there are four things that businesses should embrace as normal moving forward.

Remote working protocol is normal

Businesses learned that sending their employees home to work could actually be a productive move. Now, it is time to embrace this as an essential part of

many business models. If the work can be done remotely, it probably should be done remotely. We have all gotten used to zoom meetings, virtual training, and instant messenger correspondence as, “almost as good as in-person.”

As good as it is, however, businesses need to build into their employee compensation costs things like internet access, just like cell phones and mileage. If it is part of the job, then it should be part of the compensation.

Workforce challenges will only get worse

When the lockdowns occurred, and the Federal Government swooped in with unemployment benefits, workers went home, and stayed there. This caused shortages in many sectors, espe-

cially service industries.

When the money stopped flowing, the workers didn’t return. Seems many took the at-home opportunity to start side hustles, or find other ways of making ends meet. One colleague said, “People can make enough money doing tik-toks and driving for Uber to get by without going to a ‘real job.’”

Businesses are going to have to automate to the point where they can operate with less workforce, while paying the ones they must have much better than prior to COVID.

Mental health must be a priority

COVID fatigue is a real thing, and no one is immune from it. In the business community, recognizing and addressing mental health challenges must be part of everyday leadership. The past two years have either created or exacerbated these challenges. From the CEO’s office to the janitor’s closet, everyone is dealing with some sort of mental health issue.

For businesses to thrive as we move forward, consistent attention must be given to the mental health and wellbe-

ing of all.

Opportunities still abound

While 2020 and 2021 seemed to be full of doom and gloom, many businesses thrived and expanded. The ability to pivot is now a required trait for people in business. Just because something worked for the past 20-plus years doesn’t mean it will work today. More than likely, it won’t work today.

Business leaders must educate themselves in an ongoing manner. With books, podcasts, webinars, YouTube videos, and other resources readily available, there is absolutely no excuse not to stay on top of what works and what doesn’t.

Now that it is 2022, it is time to finally put “back to normal” in the rearview mirror. There is no going back. There is only going forward. Today is your current normal. Tomorrow may be a different normal. It is up to you to be ready for whatever normal you face.

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LIFE

Dawn Glass – Louisiana’s Little Darlin’

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If I told you this is the story of an entertainer, that would only be partly true. This is the story of someone who came from humble beginnings and has entertained people all over the world for more decades than most readers have been alive. This is the story of someone who chose family over career. And this is the story of someone who has devoted her life to helping other people. This is the story of Dawn Glass, a remarkable girl from Dubberly, Louisiana.

Dawn Glass is famous to me. As a music historian, I have been aware of her all of my adult life. I remember seeing ads for her performances in the newspapers I delivered in the early 70’s. And, in recent years I had the fortune to see her perform on some tribute shows. She is an entertaining singer with all of the grace and stage presence of a seasoned professional. She has a beautiful voice that is reminiscent of Loretta Lynn and full of the southern dialect and sincerity of Dolly Parton. Mix that in with a bubbly personality like Goldie Hawn, and what’s not to love?!

I knew she performed at many of the other clubs located along the famous Bossier Strip, starring at

anywhere outside of Las Vegas. The heavy traffic was due to the Minden Ammunition Plant, which at the time was one of the area’s biggest employers.

Mike Theodos owned some of the clubs she played and affectionately (and appropriately) nicknamed Dawn, ‘Louisiana’s Little Darlin’. I also knew she performed on both stages of the historic Louisiana Hayride. In 1951, she performed ‘Bo Weevil’ on stage with Johnny Cash and later with Johnny and June at Shreveport’s Municipal Auditorium. She also performed at the Hayride USA in Bossier. But it was only when I sat down to interview her that I found out there was much, much more to her story.

Dawn was a self-admitted ‘ham’ who was born to be an entertainer. Some of her earliest performances were for her sister, Myra, with her mom as her biggest supporter and fan. Dawn said, “My mother always believed in me!” She would make my outfits, drive me all over to perform and gave me advice that helped me believe in myself. She told her, “No matter where you come from, you can make it” and “Stay true to yourself, work hard and ask God to guide you.” When Dawn was apprehensive about the lifestyle she was around, her mom told her, “You can be a lady anywhere. You are in control.”

The first recording Dawn made was when she was nine years old. Dawn’s mother, Bertha wrote an answer song to “Too Young to Tango.” It was a Sheb Wooley song recorded by Ernest Tubb and Red Foley. Dawn’s version is one of the cutest things I’ve ever heard. Some of Dawn’s earliest influences were Dinah Shore and the movie star Rhonda Fleming. During high school, she worked at the Joy Theatre, in Minden, selling 10 cent tickets. The theatre was located where the Dorcheat Bayou Museum is now.

She was in the audience when Elvis came to town and performed at the Joy Drive-In Theatre in 1955.

She loved performing in school talent shows. In her teens she performed on KSLA Television’s “Teen Time.” Before she graduated Minden High School in 1960, she won a \$1,000 scholarship after being named the winner of the “New Search for Talent” contest broadcast on KTBS television in Shreveport. At 13, she was a special guest on Red Sovine’s early morning radio program on KWKH. Incidentally, Red Sovine and his band backed Dawn’s recording of “Old Enough to Tango in KWKH’s studios in Shreveport!” This was only a prelude of what was to come.

It was during this time, Dawn sang the first jingle for Southern Maid Donut commercials.

It wasn’t long before she got the attention of local talent manager, ABC Goldberg, who booked much of the talent that played The Bossier Strip.

From there, she got the attention of Al Galico, who was over ABC-Paramount Records in New York. He booked many artists of all genres including country music, which landed Dawn in Nashville, Ten-

nessee. She recorded “This Is a Dream,” which charted on the Billboard Country Charts. She said they went ‘all out’ for the recording and treated her like a star. Soon after she was making records with RCA Records, Chart Records, Royal American Records, as well as for Paula Records, owned by Shreveport’s legendary Stan “The Record Man” Lewis.

Rod Kettler, out of Waco, Texas, who also managed Merle Travis, managed her career for a while, but it wasn’t until she signed with national talent agent, Buddy Lee that her career really took off. Rod Kettler booked her at some of the biggest venues in North America. She jokes that people wanted to hear her talk as much as they wanted to hear her sing. She says they got a kick out of her long-drawn-out way southern way of saying, “Cornbread”!

She learned quick to carry her own weight on the road. She didn’t want to be a burden when traveling on the road. I believe she could go back on the road today if she wanted. She takes great care of herself, stays in great shape, doesn’t take any medicines or vitamins and still runs about 25 miles a week!

She headlined at The Crystal Ballroom during the World’s Fair when it was in Canada and at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. She was the featured performer at the Grapevine Opry in Grapevine, Texas and Nashville’s Centennial Park. She was the spotlight performer at the Rainbow Room located on Printer’s Alley in Nashville.

Dawn was a regular visitor to Nashville. Ralph Emory picked her up to bring her to many of his daily morning shows. Coincidentally, they were taping a segment for the country comedy show called, ‘Hee Haw’. Dawn happened to be in the studio that day, and when one of the ‘Country Cuties’ didn’t show up, Dawn was asked to fill in. She was the right age, could fit in the outfit and had hair long enough to put up in ‘dog ears. She didn’t have a speaking part, but was one of the cuties sitting on the porch for an episode of ‘Hee Haw’.

Dawn impressed Legendary Merle Travis with her voice, stage presence so much that he wrote a letter endorsing Dawn for the role of Tammy Wynette in her biography film, “Stand by Your Man”. He wrote, “I met Tammy Wynette early in her career... I’d never accuse Dawn of trying to sing like Tammy Wynette, but she certainly could. She’s of the proper age, is

an absolute professional and being from the south, has the right accent. This could never be imitated.”

She has worked with a virtual ‘who’s who’ of stars. Frank Page, the man who introduced Elvis Presley to the world, contracted Dawn to perform shows for KWKH’s Road Shows. She also traveled and performed with The Lawrence Welk Show.

She’s recorded a number of professional albums including, “He’ll Make a Way,” “Precious Memories,” and “Sunshine and Lollipops,” whose title track was written by Ann Morton. She’s recorded albums with Gene Wyatt and Bill White. In addition, she’s released many singles. I’ve found at least sixteen of them on YouTube.

During some of our conversations she told me some great stories of the road. She worked intimately with artists like George Jones and Merle Kilgore. She befriended Johnny Horton and his wife, Billie Jean, who even named one of their daughters after Dawn.

Just a short list of people she has performed with sounds like the roll call at the Country Music Hall of Fame. She has memorabilia and photos with Jimmy Dean, Jeanne C. Riley, Claude King, Slim Pickens, The Five Jets, Hank Thompson, Johnny Cash, June Carter, Mother Carter, Johnny Horton, Owen Perry, Joe Perot, Bud Christian, Donna Ray, Hank Snow, curly Fox, Charlie Davis, Tommy Tomlison, James Burton, D. J. Fontana, Kent Gill, Tillman Franks, David Houston, David Bailey, Linda Davis, Shoji Tabuchi, Jerry Wallace, Blackie Guidry and Billy ‘Rock and Roll’ Buddy, to name a few. Her favorite recording artists are Merle Haggard, George Jones and Marty Robbins, who she said knew how to flirt with an audience.

Dawn regularly performed on the Bob Hope Birthday Show. She was on the verge of becoming a break out star, when fate had different plans. She was in California, on the way to Hawaii when her mother fell ill and she decided to come home to Dubberly to take care of her. That’s just how Dawn is. She never looked back. She knows what is important and family came first.

Dawn has never stopped entertaining. She has been the patient representative at Minden Medical Center since 1980, where her job is to take care of patients. George French III, former CEO of the Minden Medical Center said it this way, “The Hospital is high-tech, but Dawn is high-touch.” George added, “Dawn has touched



the lives of thousands of people.”

Dawn does everything in her power to help others and her word is as good as gold. She has gone into surgery for children, promised she’d be there when they wake up and even gone so far as to arrange a rare surgery with a doctor in New York when it looked helpless for one patient. Her interaction saved his life! One of Dawn’s legacies will be the genuine care and concern she has for the patients, especially the children, of Minden Medical Center. The hospital can be a scary place for children and she wants to take away the anguish and fear. She calls each one and follows as long as they are in the hospital.

Sometimes, the parents aren’t able to be with the children, so she gives each child something to hold on to throughout their hospital stay. Whether it is a stuffed animal, blanket or a ‘hug pillow,’ it is theirs to keep. For a while, the patients received a ‘Mindy Lamb’ which was soft stuffed animal. Those aren’t available now, but she says her heart soars when someone stops her in the grocery store to tell her they remember and how much it meant to them.

Another story I can share, happened a few years ago. Minden songwriter Jerry Strickland wrote a song called, “Am I Too Old to Be Your Child.” Dawn loved it and Jerry asked her to sing it ‘if anything happened to him’. She promised she would. Sadly, Jerry died shortly after and true to her word, Dawn touched Jerry’s family and friends when she sang the song a capella at his funeral.

Dawn felt the need to record the song, so she enlisted the help of another Minden native, Bud Christian. Dawn has known Bud for years. His mother was a piano teacher in Minden and instilled in Bud the drive to be a professional musician. Bud bagged grocer-

ies at Minden’s Dixie Dandy. Whenever Dawn took a break from the road, he would ask her how to make it as a professional musician. Bud, who is now an accomplished musician in his own right, used his connections to put the pieces in place for Dawn to record her latest album.

“Dawn Glass Sings From Her Heart,” features four songs, including the Strickland penned, “Am I Too Old to Be Your Child.” She recorded her latest album at Dexter Mathis’ D & D Studios. You can purchase a copy at Preferred Recovery Solutions Complete Car Care- Penske of Minden, 1839 Hwy 531. You can order directly on line at <http://Kunaki.com/Sales.asp?PID=PX>)4SUM63.

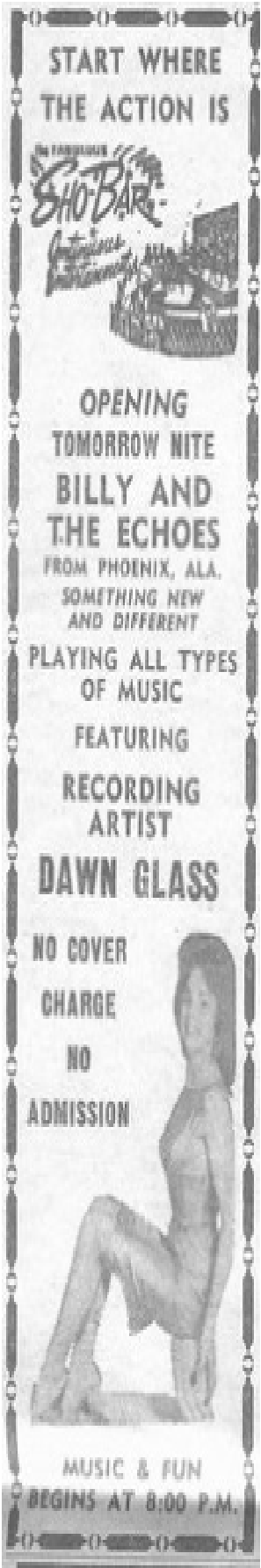
Dawn still has a lot of story to tell. In 2021, she added Grand Marshall for the 2021 Christmas in Minden Parade to her resume!

She is grateful for all she has achieved and believes angels have followed her around to take care of her. She wants to be remembered as someone who made other people happy. She doesn’t have to worry about that. She spreads love and happiness everywhere she goes.

If you have a need for a speaker, you would be well-served to see if Dawn is available to share her inspirational story with your group. She has her own sound system and makes presentations at nursing homes, prisons and for business organization.

You can book her to speak or order her newest CD by calling, or texting, her at 318-464-2822. Her music is also available on iTunes. To keep up with current happenings, you can follow Dawn Glass on Facebook. You’ll be glad you did!

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‘The Hideaway’ and ‘The Fabulous Sho-Bar’. Unfortunately, The Bossier Strip no longer basks in the glory of its prime. It was a series of bars, nightclubs and dance halls located along Hwy 80 as you enter Bossier City from the east. Over 10,000 cars passed through the road before I-20 and featured a strip of entertainment venues that had more neon lights



Photo of Dawn with Jeannie C. Riley



SPORTS

# Sneed solidifies role in Chiefs' secondary

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As the Kansas City Chiefs prepare for Sunday's AFC Divisional Playoff Game against Buffalo, they know they can count on a Minden High School product to anchor their defensive secondary.

Former Louisiana Tech and Crimson Tide standout L'Jarius Sneed has totaled 76 tackles (57 solo), a sack, two interceptions and a forced fumble during the 2021 season.

Sneed burst out of the gates as a rookie in 2020 to earn a starting role for the Chiefs after being picked

This season he increased his production to 5.1 tackles per game compared to 4.6 per contest a season ago.

Sneed remains under contract with the Chiefs for another two seasons.

It was when the Chiefs let veteran cornerback Bashaud Breeland sign with the Minnesota Vikings last offseason that Sneed solidified his future in Kansas City's defensive backfield.

The Chiefs signed Breeland to a one-year, \$3 million contract for the 2020 season, but he was suspended the first four games of the 2020 season for violating the league's policy on substance abuse, and was placed on the reserve/suspended list on September 5, 2020.

Breeland finished the 2020 season with 38 total tackles, two interceptions, nine passes defended, and one forced fumble, decent stats but not enough to hold off the emerging Sneed from becoming a major fixture in the Chiefs secondary.

Sneed missed Kansas City's win over the Raiders in December after the murder of his brother — a win his teammates dedicated to him.

"We just wanted to play for him today, for his family, and I felt like we did that," said Chiefs safety and former LSU standout Tyrann Mathieu after that game. "I felt like we started the game with some L'Jarius energy and kind of kept



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it going throughout the game."

It was a gesture Sneed said he appreciated, and he's shown it with his play since returning to the Chiefs.

"I would like to thank everyone, especially the fans and the Kansas City Chiefs organization, for all the love and support they have given me the past few days during such a trying time," Sneed said in a statement through his agent before returning to Kansas City to finish the season. "It means so much to me. We deeply appreciate everything you are doing to help us get through this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much to me. Thank you."

With three interceptions in 2020, Sneed tied 13 other Chiefs players who recorded three interceptions during their rookie season, tying for the 10th-most picks by a rookie in franchise history.

After signing with Louisiana Tech out of Minden as a wide receiver, Sneed converted to cornerback and saw playing time in his true freshman season with the Bulldogs, highlighted by an interception return touchdown against Western Kentucky in the Conference USA Championship Game.

He started about half the games at corner during his sophomore season before moving into a permanent starting role his junior season

Sneed moved to free safety before his senior season, and was named second-team all-C-USA after the season.

The Chiefs will play host to the Buffalo Bills starting at 4:30 p.m. Sunday with the winner advancing to the AFC Championship Game.



COURTESY PHOTOS

## Knights drop doubleheader vs. Loyola Prep

The North Webster boys and girls basketball teams found tough going on the road Tuesday night as both fell in contests at Loyola Prep in Bossier City. The Flyers won the boys contest 75-53 and the girls game by the score of 41-23.



## LA Tech, Grambling players earn spots on LSWA All-State team

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Three Louisiana Tech Bulldogs and a Grambling State have been rewarded for their strong seasons by being selected to the Louisiana Sports Writers Associations (LSWA) All-Louisiana Football Team for the 2021 season.

LA Tech sophomore linebacker Tyler Grubbs earned first-team honors on the defensive side while also receiving a vote for defensive player of the year.

Bulldogs defensive back BeeJay Williamson, a redshirt junior was named as a second-team selection on defense, while Smoke Harris was placed on the all-offense second-team and listed as an honorable mention for special teams as a return specialist.

A panel of LSWA and sports media relations personnel voted on



COURTESY PHOTO

Louisiana Tech sophomore linebacker Tyler Grubbs totaled 97 total tackles including 10 tackles for loss, two sacks and two forced fumbles for the Bulldogs in 2021.

nominations submitted by the schools at each of the positions through the regular season. School media relations members could not vote for their own players.

Grubbs, a New Orleans native, totaled 97 total tackles including 10

tackles for loss, two sacks and two forced fumbles for the Bulldogs in 2021. He was also named second team All-Conference USA, ranked fifth in the league in tackles and led the Bulldogs in both total tackles and tackles for loss. Grubbs

had three double digit tackle games, including 13-tackle efforts against SMU and Southern Miss.

Williamson, a Dallas native, finished the season with 52 total tackles, three interceptions, and two forced fumbles while appearing in 11 games.

He led the Bulldogs' secondary in interceptions and was third on the team in total tackles. His top performance came in the second week of the season at home vs Southeastern where he registered six tackles, two interceptions, and forced two fumbles.

Harris, a native of St. Francisville, led the Bulldogs in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns. Harris completed his junior campaign appearing in all 12 games netting 71 receptions for 756 yards and six touchdowns. Harris also added 195 punt return yards on 22 attempts for an average of 8.9 yards per return ranking him No. 3 in C-USA and top 20 in the country.

Grambling State University sophomore defensive lineman Sundiata Anderson was selected to the Second Team Anderson, a First Team

All-Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) selection, finished with 31 total tackles, including 21 solo stops as he was a defensive force for the Tigers.

The College Park, Georgia, native registered a team-high five sacks and 7.5 tackles for a loss of 42 yards.

In addition, the defensive lineman forced a team-high three fumbles, had two quarterback hurries and one pass breakup.

Southeastern Louisiana quarterback Cole Kelly was named the Louisiana Player of the Year while former Louisiana-Lafayette head coach Billy Napier took home Coach of the Year honors.

Tech running back Marcus Williams Jr. finished second in the voting for Newcomer of the Year behind Southeastern Louisiana tight end Nolan Givan.

# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## Visiting the Potter’s House Again! Do You Need To Go With Me?

These winter storms keep forming all around us, bringing unusual weather our way. Some storms blow in from the South, from the North, from the Northwest and Southwest...and some seem to just form in the ‘back forty’. This is nothing new. History makes us aware (especially Biblical history) of many storms that have blown and shaped the known world for centuries. Ancient Israel and Judah were learning this lesson when Jeremiah stepped upon the scene. He was called out by God to give warning to the Southern Kingdom (Judah) to turn back to God or be doomed like their brothers in the Northern Kingdom (Israel). Israel had been conquered years before and many choice leaders had been taken into Babylonian captivity. Now the enemy army was mounting the siege of Jerusalem. Jeremiah had been given a series of messages to share with his people. From the peasant all the way to the King, God wanted this communication to be shared. As bad as the situation looked, there remained a hint

of hope in the message from God. He was always willing to say, “If you will but do this...I will do this...” Today, we learn this truth from Jeremiah’s trip to the Potter’s House: God is willing and able to remake flawed lives and nations into beautiful, useable pots again. Today, all around us we see hopeless people, lost and homeless, searching for meaning, truth, and a place of belonging. Some believe “God cannot forgive me for all that I have done in the past.” It’s not easy to deal with these attitudes in trying to help them. But Jeremiah was charged with this assignment. Judah was surrounded by her enemy; fear of annihilation and exile griped the people. And yet, they continued to disobey the Lord. But God was leading Jeremiah to the Potter’s House to teach him a lesson for the people. Like Israel, Judah had forsaken their fidelity and commitment to the Lord. They planted idols on the hillsides

and throughout their towns, violating the First Commandment. The Temple was no longer devoted to worship and prayer. They even had idols build inside of it where pagan cult worship was conducted. Judgment appeared unavoidable. Yet, the Lord called for a radical change in His people and promised not to punish them if they would only repent. Never the less, doom seemed unavoidable! Jeremiah recorded God’s exact words in declaring His revelation: “Stop what you are doing and go at once to the Potter’s House; go see the potter at work.” (We know pots of this nature were used to store just about everything. It would be equivalent to our using cans, plastic jugs, paper bags, etc). God was using an everyday activity to reveal eternal truths to His messenger. (God can remold us). The potter was at work when Jeremiah arrived – at the wheel, using his feet to spin the upper wheel, as the clay was being molded

by his hands. He would form a pot from the lump of clay, making a useful object. But if the jar was flawed, the potter would destroy it and start over again. It was his decision to start over and not the condition of the clay. God wanted Jeremiah to see the patience of the potter and realize the great patience He was exercising with Judah. WE MUST APPRECIATE THE LORD’S PATIENCE WITH US. Then God said to Jeremiah: “O Israel, can’t I do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand. But if that nation changes its mind and turns to evil, refusing to obey me, then I, too, will change My mind and not bless them as I had said I would.” God’s sovereignty was not limited to the nation of Judah, but extended to every nation (and every person). He was saying: “If I called a certain nation to be destroyed for its’ evil ways (moral decay, worship of idols, turning away from God, removing the landmarks of His presence) but they repented of their sins, I will change My course

of action in response to the changed hearts, attitudes and behavior of the people.” Likewise, if a disobedient man becomes repentant, committing his life to God’s leadership, God will restore him. WE MUST TURN TO GOD -AWAY FROM OUR SINFUL LIFESTYLE, ALLOWING HIS POWER TO OVERRULE. God directs Jeremiah (18:11-16) to “Go now and warn Judah and Jerusalem to ‘Hear the word of the Lord...I am planning evil against you now instead of good; turn back from your evil paths and do what is right.’ ” They replied: “Don’t waste your breath. We have no intention whatever of doing what God says. We will continue to live as we want to, free from any restraint, full of stubbornness and wickedness.” (Doesn’t this sound so much like the secular world today?) So, they rejected the Lord’s invitation to repent and chose to persist in their evil ways. Soon they discovered the consequences of their disobedience. The Babylonian army crushed Jerusalem, taking many into captivity for 70 years in

exile. AMEND YOUR WAYS AS A NATION AND AS INDIVIDUALS – OR SUFFER CONSEQUENCES OF BEING DISOBEDIENT! There are applications for us today. We must recommit our lives to the God of our forefathers. 2 Chronicles 7:14 calls for us to ‘humble ourselves and pray, search for God’s will, and turn from our wicked ways....then, He will hear us from His heavenly throne and forgive us of our sins and heal our land. He will listen to each of our pleas and prayers grant us pardon.’ As we begin the year – 2022, would that each believer be convicted to visit the Potter’s House and have their hearts remolded? Would that each community, state and national leader do the same? Would that our judges and other decision makers search for Biblical truths for each decision made? What a spiritual revolution would we experience this year!

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

## His Eternal Purpose

*“This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,” Ephesians 3:11 NASB*



Max Hutto

God had an eternal purpose and plan that was accomplished and completed by Jesus. That purpose was to provide reconciliation and redemption to people from all nations and races through faith in Christ. Jesus carried out everything necessary for the salvation of all people who trust in Christ alone through faith alone. God graciously purposed and planned from the beginning to unite all

believers, both Jews and Gentiles, into the church as one body in Christ under the Lordship, the authority and rule, of Jesus.

Christ Jesus my Lord, in You alone do I find salvation and forgiveness from my sins. I surrender my life to Your Lordship and to service in Your church.

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### LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

## 2 Chronicles 7:14

It appears that some Americans have lost their minds. Cities are being looted. People are being killed. Criminals are being released. Police are being defunded. D.A.s are corrupt. Millions of dollars of merchandise are being lost. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their

wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” God made a promise, but I doubt that Americans even know God’s promise. I believe that people will repent, but it will be too late. Come soon, Lord Jesus.



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### INSPIRATION

## Faith

Let’s talk about something difficult to find at times and hard to maintain. This item is not tangible, visible, or available for purchase. This item is something much deeper than the everyday ordinary mundane. We can’t overemphasize its importance because it helps maintain our relationship with God! The item I’m speaking of with such pomp is faith. During a conversation with his disciples, Jesus said in Mark 11:22-24 NIV “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt



Bernard Harris

in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” The world we currently live in is burdened with many issues especially as of late and that’s exactly why God gives us faith! I’m here to encourage everyone to have faith over fear and leave all their burdens in the hands of God.

BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HOUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN

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# FUN & GAMES

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Scene stealer  
4 Pilgrimage to Mecca  
8 Auction  
12 Carte lead-in  
13 Pakistani language  
14 Currier's partner  
15 Florida city  
17 Clothing store section  
18 Intimides, with "out"  
19 Apprehend  
21 Shade  
22 Pictures  
26 Throat affliction  
29 Sault — Marie  
30 Fib  
31 Cobra feature  
32 IRS employee  
33 Exceptional  
34 Mornings briefly  
35 "Oy —!"  
36 Duck down

### DOWN

- 37 "Pop Goes the —"  
39 Evening hrs.  
40 Chopping tool  
41 Portugal's place  
45 Apple computers  
48 Hit song by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello  
50 "Oops!"  
51 Walked (on)  
52 Standard  
53 Infatuated  
54 Bohemian  
55 Swiss peak

### DOWN

- 1 Door fastener  
2 Regrettably  
3 Crèche figure  
4 "Quiet!"  
5 Stood  
6 Banned pesticide  
7 "Walk on the Wild Side" actress Moore  
8 "The Lion King" lion  
9 "Hail!"  
10 Actor Cariou  
11 Curved letter  
16 Yearned

### DOWN

- 20 Soul, to Camus  
23 Pleased  
24 Green land  
25 Crystal gazer  
26 "Candida" playwright  
27 Hefty book  
28 Activist Parks  
29 Covert agent  
32 Piano's cousin  
33 Stair part  
35 Puzzle  
36 Represent  
38 Malia's sister  
39 Wine grape  
42 TV host Kelly  
43 Slanted type (Abbr.)  
44 Org. for seniors  
45 Coffee holder  
46 "Caught ya!"  
47 Gear tooth  
49 Goof up

Solution time: 25 mins.

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## SUDOKU

# SUDOKU

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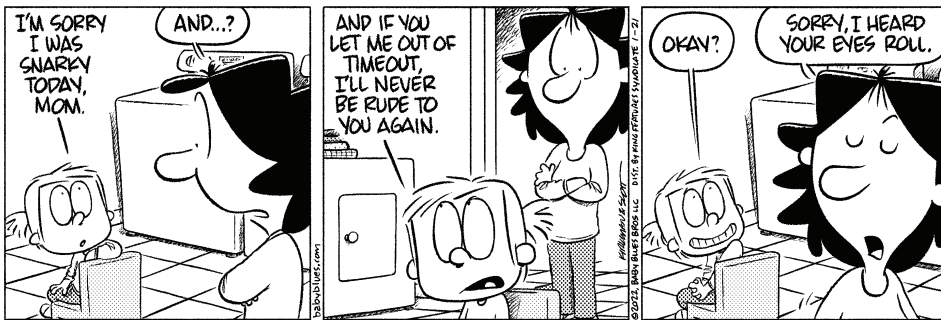
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ANSWER:

## COMICS

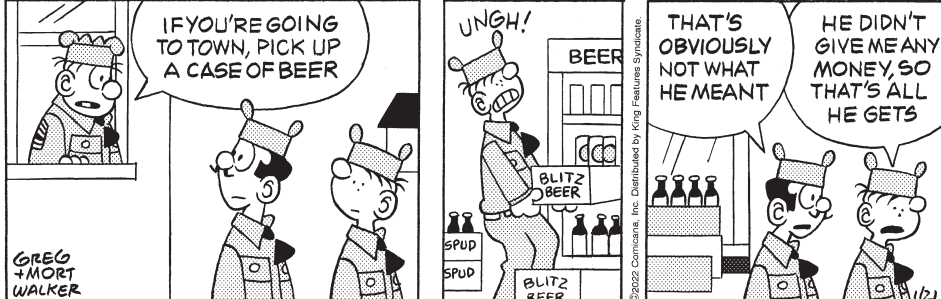
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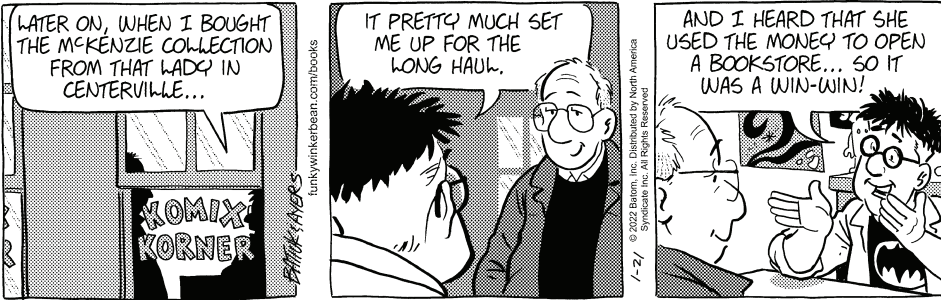
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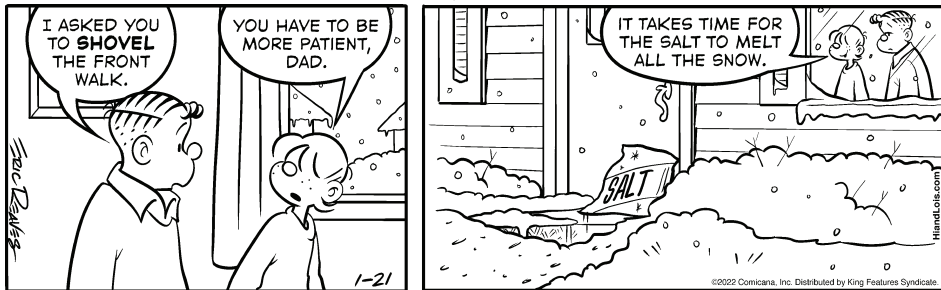
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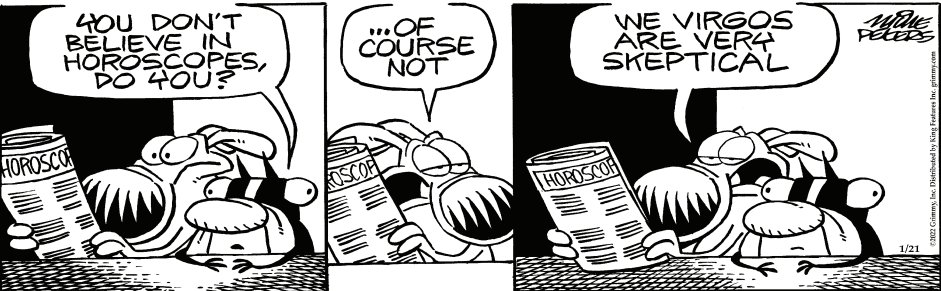
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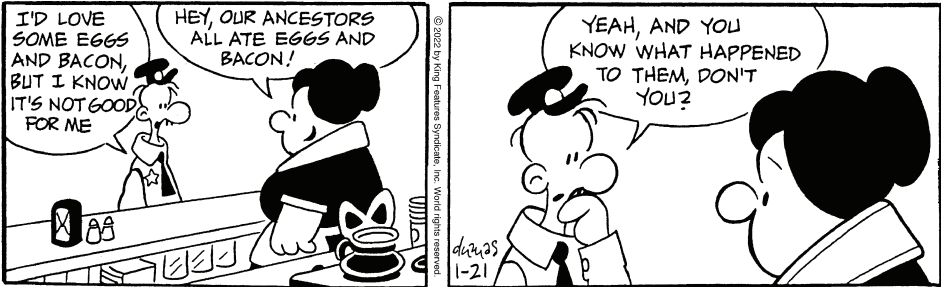
### HI AND LOIS I BRIAN WALKER, GREG WALKER AND CHANCE BROWNE



### MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM I MIKE PETERS



### SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS



## CRYPTOQUIP

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN KATHMANDU, DO YOU THINK SOME PEOPLE WILL TRAIN PET PARROTS TO SAY "NEPALI WANT A CRACKER?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals D

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January 7, 2022  
January 11, 2022  
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January 18, 2022  
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SHERIFF’S SALE

B1 BANK VS. CARL E. LOWERY, JR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79661

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 the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

“LOT NUMBER SIX (6) OF THE GLADNEY SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF MINDEN, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by map and plat thereof on file and of record in Map Book 2A, Page 68, being a lot fronting Gladney Street, 100 feet and running back parallel with Todd Street a distance of 200 feet. 301 East Todd Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055”

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JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

January 21, 2022  
February 18, 2022  
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SHERIFF’S SALE

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS. DOCK MOODY AND VERA MAE BRYANT MOODY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV78120

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 the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Sibley, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run South 900 feet; thence East 2132.5 feet; thence South 210 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 210 feet; thence West 225 feet; thence North 160 feet to Southern circumference of cul-de-sac known as Libby Lane; thence in a Northeasterly direction along cul-de-sac of said Libby Lane 78.54 feet to a point 175 feet West of the point of beginning; thence East 175 feet to the point of beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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SHERIFF’S SALE

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. VS. STON GOLDEN AND STEPHANIE K. GOLDEN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79116

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 the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated

in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4) of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing a found axle marking the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and proceeding North along the West line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, a distance of 210.00 feet; thence proceed East parallel to the South line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, a distance of 125.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence proceed South parallel to the West line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, a distance of 371 feet, more or less, to the center line of a parish asphalt road; thence proceed North 65 degrees 13 minutes 58 seconds East along and with the center line of said parish asphalt road, a distance of 210.25 feet; thence proceed North 80 degrees 00 minutes East along and with the center line of said parish asphalt road, a distance of 65.69 feet; thence proceed North parallel to the West line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, a distance of 271.51 feet, more or less, to a point lying parallel to the South line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4 from the point of beginning; thence proceed West parallel to the South line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, a distance of 255.60 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.85 acres, more or less and being subject to all rights-of-way, easements and servitudes of record for usage. Property situated in the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana.

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on March 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at 1209 East Street, to receive comments on the

2022 Annual PHA Plan and 2022-2026 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budgets / 2022 Annual Statement.

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority, located at 1209 East Street, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

February 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a zoning variance request from Huffman Management, LLC, option holder on property belonging to ROHA, Inc., located at the municipal address of 1114 Broadway Street. This property is zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Huffman Management, LLC, is requesting a variance from City of Minden Zoning Ordinance Section 2.12(a). The purpose of this request is to use the property as a lodging house (bed and breakfast). This request is a variance from the ordinance that dictates only 20 percent of the home may be used for business purposes. Huffman Management, LLC, is requesting to use more than 20 percent of the home due to them converting spaces into sleeping rooms. In addition, the property and/or grounds will also be available for rental for activities such as weddings, business gatherings/company parties, family reunions and other such catered events. Gatherings will be limited to 100 people and/or sized appropriately for the venue in which it is conducted.

Legal Description: LOTS #126 & 127, WILLIAMSON JONES MAP OF MINDEN, THE NORTHERLY 40 FT. OF LOTS #143 & 144, WILLIAMSON JONES MAP OF MINDEN, STRIP 30 X 305 FT. ADJ. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) & STRIP 30 X 305 FT. ADJ. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) (BEING A LOT FRONTING 220 FT. ON NORTH BROADWAY X 305 FT. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9)

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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EMPLOYMENT

Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring CNA's all shifts, LPN's all shifts, and weekend RN's. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Alex Vansickle for RN/ LPN/ CNA applications. Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring Dietary Staff and Housekeeping Staff. For more information, please contact Iva Albritton Dietary Supervisor or Mary Holloway Housekeeping Supervisor at (318)927-6133 for applications.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the "District"), on September 13, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2022, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of ten (10) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$138,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including fire trucks, in and for the District, and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

The said special election will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the respective Parishes which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of L.A. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

CLAIBORNE PARISH PRECINCTS 03(PART)

WEBSTER PARISH PRECINCTS 14(PART) 16(PART)(NO VOTERS)

The polling places at the precincts in the respective Parishes are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$7,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes thereof as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department RO Machen, Jr. Fire Training and Community Center, 1853 Evergreen Road, Minden, Louisiana, on MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Minden, Louisiana, on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

ATTEST: /s/ Randy Crittenden Chairman /s/ Denise Miller Secretary-Treasurer

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