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HISTORIC COMMUNITY

Neighbors continue to speak out on Grace Estate Rezoning

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Many neighbors of Grace Estate and members of the Minden Historic Residential District (MHRD) are feeling impassioned about the upcoming meeting of the planning commission to discuss rezoning Grace Estate as an event center as well as a bed and breakfast. Jim and Kim Huffman, owners of the bed and breakfast called Huffman House, plan to purchase Grace Estate. The property has most recently been used as a restaurant as well as a bed and breakfast. Neighbors say that it was also used as an event center without this being permitted.

In a Facebook post from January 4th, Leslie Rainer of the MHRD said, "I have received many phone calls from numerous residents about issues that we are all familiar with. These are: noise, maintenance, garbage and zoning usage violations that have been happening in the last few years. As we have learned from past experiences, once a zone is changed we have very little control over what an event center does and absolutely no enforcement by the city over what occurs." Kevin Mixon stated, "No event center is needed or wanted on Broadway." Mr. Mixon later noted that there are already a number of event centers in the city: Orleans on Main, The Courtyard, Cultural Crossroads, and the Community House in Victory Park. "Grace Estates was a good thing, but for the neighbors the noise and traffic was not a good thing," said Schelley Francis.

Not everyone is against the event center. Amanda Smith, who lives adjacent to Grace Estate, stated

in a letter to the MHRD, "Are there minor, inconsequential disruptions in daily routine? Yes. Are there minor traffic alterations? Yes. Is there noise? Maybe. Does it matter? NO." Smith asks if we can't "celebrate, if not just appreciate, life's milestones with fellow town's people?" She notes that, based on her experience with how Huffman House is run, "the integrity of the property will be preserved, the landscape will be meticulously maintained, and the BNB/Event Center will be managed with exemplary professionalism." When interviewed, another neighbor said the noise from events at Grace Estate had not been as loud as the church revivals in a nearby park, and not nearly as loud as the Friday night football games at Minden High.

In an informal survey taken on Saturday, of the six people along Broadway and Main who answered their doors, four neighbors were in support of the event center and two were against. No one seemed to be troubled by the bed and breakfast—only the event center. Those neighbors on the Sylvan Place side of Grace Estate, would appear to be the most affected. Sylvan Place is the access to Grace Estate and to neighbors' driveways that runs between Broadway and Pennsylvania Avenue. This is not a full-sized street and will not allow for two-way traffic. One suggestion to handle this was directing traffic one-way only during any larger events.

The planning commission meeting to decide if Grace Estate will be zoned as an event center as well as a B&B will be at 10:00 am this Thursday, February 3rd at City Hall.

COMMUNITY

New HGTV project pops up behind City Hall

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What seems to be a new park/recreation area has appeared behind City Hall this week. This is more than likely another one of HGTV's projects that they are completing as part of their filming for Hometown Kickstart. So far the park features plenty of seating arrangements for community events, a bonfire, and play areas for kids.



CELEBRATION

24th Annual Minden Mardi Gras/Minden Fasching Karneval & Parade slated Saturday

Minden, LA - Preparations have begun for the 24th Annual Minden Mardi Gras Parade sponsored by the Minden Main Street Program. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:00pm on Saturday, Feb. 5, with lineup being at 3:00pm. The parade route will cover a 3.3 mile route which begins

at the intersection of Germantown Road and Elm Street and winds through the Minden Historic District, Downtown and back to Germantown Road.

"Fasching" or the "Fifth Season" is the German equivalent of Mardi Gras which officially began on November 11th at 11:11AM. Our Parade take

place during the Fasching Fifth Season, which ends on Shrove Tuesday.

Before the parades begin, kids and parents will be able to enjoy some family friendly activities taking place along Main Street. City Art Works will be offering free Mardi Gras mask making for the kids from 1:30-4:30pm. Of

course kids will be able to take their masks with them to show their holiday spirit at the parade. Bring them down and let their artistic side shine!

Face painters will be set up in the Downtown area from 2:00pm until the parade begins. Also, families are encouraged to tailgate along the parade route.

Serving as Grand Marshals will be Minden's Man and Women of Year, Jake Chatman and Tokia Whiting.

Judging for the parade entries will be set up in front of City Hall at 520 Broadway in Historic Downtown Minden. Categories are Most Spirited Group, Sweepstakes Win-

ner (Best Overall), Best Small Float, Best Marching Group, Most Original (Creative) Entry.

Although there is no cash prize, winners receive a trophy and bragging rights for the rest of the year!

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LEGISLATION

Federal judge nullifies nation’s largest oil, gas lease sale

(The Center Square) – A U.S. District Court judge has invalidated the largest offshore oil-and-gas lease sale in the nation’s history, canceling 1.7 million acres of drilling leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

Judge Rudolph Contreras, a President Barack Obama nominee, ruled the Biden administration did not properly take into account greenhouse gas emissions when it approved the \$192 million sale of drilling rights on federal oil-and-gas reserves last November, violating the National Environmental Policy Act.

Energy companies including Shell, BP, Chevron and ExxonMobil won the bid for 308 tracts, totaling nearly 2,700 square miles, but Contreras’ 68-page ruling Thursday found the Department of Interior’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) did not thoroughly review how drilling would impact climate change.

“Barreling full-steam ahead with blinders on was simply not a reasonable action for BOEM to have taken here,” Contreras said, according to The Associated Press.

Environmental reviews during the Trump and Biden administrations found “that extracting and burning more oil and gas from the Gulf would result in fewer climate-changing emissions than leaving it,” the news wire reported.

Biden attempted to suspend sales of oil-and-gas leases when he took office, but Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry led a successful challenge to overturn the policy. U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty, a President Donald Trump nominee, ordered in June that plans continue for the lease sales in the Gulf, Alaskan waters and all onshore properties.

Landry led the lawsuit that involved attorney generals in 12 other states. Louisiana Oil & Gas Association President Mike Moncla stressed how the decision will affect consumers in the state and beyond.

“Judge Contreras’ decision to ‘throw out’ the last lease sale is disappointing for industry, but even a bigger blow to the American consumer,” Moncla said. “This administration continues to make decisions that increase energy costs on Americans. In just one year in office, President Biden’s energy policies (or lack thereof) have more than doubled oil, natural gas and gasoline prices.

“LOGA will continue to fight for actual policy that puts Americans to work while also providing affordable, reliable, and abundant energy to our nation.”

Earthjustice, the law firm that sued the Secretary of Interior and BOEM in August on behalf of several environmental groups, applauded Contreras’ ruling Thursday.

“We are pleased that the court invalidated Interior’s illegal lease sale,”

Earthjustice Senior Attorney Brettny Hardy said. “We simply cannot continue to make investments in the fossil fuel industry to the peril of our communities and increasingly warming planet. This administration must meet this critical moment and honor the campaign promises President Biden made by stopping offshore leasing once and for all. Interior should use its next 5-year leasing plan to protect our coastal communities and public waters and offer no new offshore leases. We can no longer afford to do anything less.”

The National Ocean Industries Association President Erik Milito pointed to the ruling’s impact on inflation and national security.

“The U.S. offshore region is vital to American energy security and continued leases are essential to keeping energy flowing from this strategic national asset,” he said, according to The AP.

Milito contends “uncertainty around the future of the U.S. federal offshore leasing program” will only benefit Russia and other U.S. adversaries.

A spokesperson for Interior Secretary Deb Haaland told The AP the agency is reviewing Contreras’ decision. Contreras said the department must conduct a revised review before deciding whether to go forward with the sale.

BLOTTER

Recent arrests in Webster Parish	substance.	tion of a motor vehicle, and improper turning.
Jeffery Lard, 51, of the 2400 block of Page Street, was arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon and driving with an open container.	Cassalis Lard, 36, of the 100 block of Lard Street, was arrested for supplying a felon with a firearm, driving under suspension, switched tags, and being a fugitive of Bienville and Minden.	Trenton Campbell, 18, of the 1700 block of Pilgrim Rest Road, was arrested for possession and intent to distribute, possession of a firearm with controlled dangerous substances, drug paraphernalia.
Brian Herndon, 38, of the 100 block of Posey Lane, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, improper lane usage, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm in presence of controlled dangerous substances, two counts possession of a schedule IV substance with intent to distribute, and possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute.	Donnie Holloway, 23, was arrested for being a fugitive of an out of state agency.	Tyler Thornton, 19, of the 1300 block of Peachtree Lane, was arrested on a warrant for criminal street gangs and patterns of street gang activity.
Joseph Cole, 37, of the 10300 block of Highway 2, was arrested for possession of a schedule II	Jason Holloman, 19, of the 200 block of Horse-shoe Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Cassalis lard, 33, of the 100 block of Lard Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.
	Todd Butler, 43, of the 100 block of Loop Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.	Holley Morris, 45, of the 300 block of Fox Creek Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
	James White, 62, 200 block of Shane Drive, was arrested for driving while intoxicated second offense, careless opera-	

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GAS BUDDY

Gas prices rise in Louisiana, nationally

(January 31, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have risen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.04/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 5.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 91.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.78/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.57/g, a difference of 79.0 cents per gallon.

“The price of oil pushed into territory unseen in over seven years as WTI crude hit \$88 per barrel, which continues to drag gasoline prices higher.

With continued concerns over geopolitical tensions and crude oil supply, the small yet noticeable increases are likely to continue,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34/g today. The national average is up 6.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 92.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“The only factor keep-

ing gas prices from rising more substantially is that gasoline demand remains low as winter storms keep motorists closer to home. Once the weather starts to turn and warm gradually, we’ll lose the only restraint to larger price increases,” said De Haan.

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



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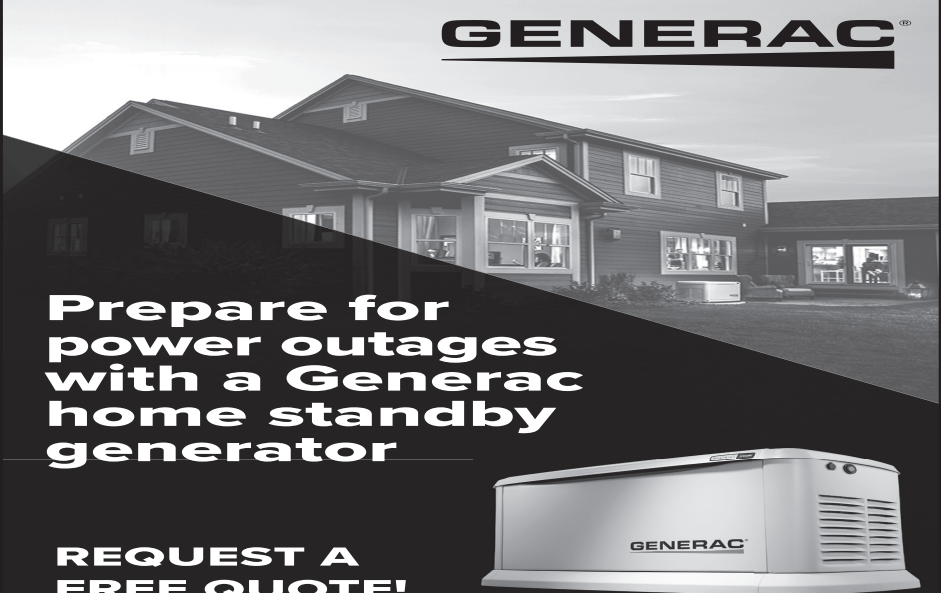
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OBITUARIES



Loyd W. Covell

Loyd W. Covell, 89, of Minden, Louisiana went to his heavenly home on January 25, 2022 in Bossier City, Louisiana.

He was born March 13, 1932 in Jacksonville, Arkansas to the late Rev. Lloyd E. and Velma Covell of Gravel Ridge, Arkansas. He graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1949 and joined the Air Force in 1952.

Loyd never met a stranger and was always helping his family and friends no matter what the reason. He loved spending time fishing, long walks, taking his grandchildren riding on his horse drawn cart or motorcycle. He was the best at telling stories of long ago and could keep you interested for hours.

He was married to his wife Patricia for 36 years before her passing in 1990.

Loyd spent 22 years in the United States Air Force.

His first job was watch repair and then as a Metrologist before retiring at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, Louisiana.

He is survived by his children, Tina Webb (Ray), Mack Covell, Sandy Stewart (James) and Sheilla Shirey (Tom) all living in Louisiana. Grandchildren Amanda Webb, T.J. Webb (Katie), Michael Webb, Casey Sarka (Alan), Justin Covell, Tyler Covell (Taylor), David Covell (Jennifer), James Curtis Stewart (Paige), Jackie Gravois (Shaun), Kirk McCann (Dorothy), Tara McCann, Lelia Purdy (Joey), Brandie Shirey, Melissa Shirey, Amanda Shirey and Jason Shirey. 14 great grandchildren. Siblings Rozell Williford, Pawnee Runions, Doris Sellers, Wayne Covell and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Loyd had his wife, parents, Brother Weldon Covell, Sister Estelle Carmical, several brothers-in-law, nephews and son-in-law to meet him at the Pearly Gates.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Woody's Home for Veterans in Shreveport or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Barbara Bryan

An Angel Goes Home

On the evening of January 25, 2022, Barbara Martin Bryan passed away peacefully surrounded by family. She was 78 years old. Hers was a life of triumph and tragedy, sorrow and joy, but most of all it was a life of someone who followed Jesus.

She was born to Kenneth and Orlene (Timmons) Martin on August 26, 1943, in Springhill, Louisiana. The family moved to Minden in 1952 and they joined First Baptist Minden where Barbara found friends and mentors who led her to the Lord. At twelve she volunteered to full-time Christian service at Vacation Bible School. She loved her active youth group led by Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick and was a charter member of the Teentone Choir led

by Alec Hopper.

She was named "Miss Minden High School" in 1961. She attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches where she met her future husband, Edgar Waters Bryan III. She didn't believe him the first time he told her they shared the same birthday. She was chosen as Miss Northwestern her senior year, and after graduation she and Ed were married in 1966 at First Baptist Minden.

She and Ed were an awesome ministry team and Ed pastored churches in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Wyoming. She taught school, and Sunday school and did everything from leading the Choir to working with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at a community college in Powell, Wyoming. She was a blessing to anyone and everyone who knew her, and those who knew her well cherished her friendship.

She and Ed were appointed as Missionaries by the North American Mission Board in 1998, and they served as Church Planters for five years ministering to 19 churches and missions in the Southwest region of Wyoming.

Her husband passed away in 2002, and though her surroundings changed when she moved back to her childhood home in Minden, God's calling on her life

remained the same. She taught special education at Harper Elementary School and Phillips Elementary from 2003 to 2019 when she retired. In that time she was faithfully involved in the ministries of First Baptist Minden all while taking care of her mother until her death in 2013. She loved teaching the ladies of her Sunday School class, serving as the evening Women on Mission leader, a faithful member of the choir, and a member of Prayer Ministry.

She also was a member of three teacher organizations: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Delta Kappa, and Teachers in Prayer and Praise.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Kenneth and Orlene Martin, three brothers, William Edward Martin, Ronald Wayne Martin, and Larry Don Martin and her husband, Dr. Edgar Waters Bryan III. She is also preceded by a nephew, Kenneth Sessions Martin and great-niece Thea Filizetti.

She is survived by her daughter, Tabitha Osborne and husband Ronnie of Heflin, Louisiana, a son, Edgar Waters Bryan IV and wife Autumn of Shongaloo, Louisiana; four grandchildren: Megan Grigg and husband Chris of Minden, Anna Grace and Sara Kate Osborne of Heflin, and Edgar Waters Bryan V of Shongaloo. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law: Julia (Bryan) Miller and husband Richard, Helen (Cain) Martin and Sandra (Martin) Faircloth and husband Gary. She is survived by seven nieces and nephews: Debbie Filizetti and husband Roger, Bill Martin and wife Marcy, Wendell Martin and wife Alexa, Scott Miller and wife Colleen, Wendy Sinclair and husband Colin, Dr. Tim Miller and wife Melanie as well as many great-nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank all of the physicians and care-givers that have helped our mother through this difficult year. Her love of the Savior endures and continues to grow His kingdom as she receives her eternal reward.

Barbara's life will be celebrated with visitation at Rose-Neath Funeral Home from 5pm to 7pm on Saturday, January 29, 2022 and funeral service at First Baptist Minden to be held January 30, 2022 at 2pm.

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Herbert Wayne Kemp

Herbert Wayne Kemp, 78, of Minden, Louisiana passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, January 28, 2022 in Texarkana, TX. He was a lifelong resident of Minden.

He was born January 11, 1944 in Minden, Louisiana to the late John Ed Kemp and Cecil Smith Kemp. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Christine Pevy and brother James M. "Buck" Kemp.

Wayne is survived by one daughter, Angie Jones and husband Larry of Buckner, Arkansas; grandsons Chase Jones, Chance Jones, and Kobey Jones, all of Buckner, Arkansas; Great Grandchildren - Aiden Jones of Macedonia, AR, Jax Jones of Stamps, AR, Ryatt Blaike Jones of Magnolia, AR, and waiting on the arrival of the newest member in May, Slade Jones. Nephews, David Pevy, James Kemp and wife Donna, and Mark Pevy. Nieces, Deborah Sims, Susan Parker and husband Raymond, and Sandra DeLuca and husband Matt, and several great nieces and nephews.

Wayne graduated from Minden High School and became a member of the Army National Guard from 1964-1970. He served as a mechanic and light truck driver and obtained rifle sharpshooter status. He started his lifelong business when he was in high school, using his mother's sewing machine. He was in business for over 50 years in his Upholstery shop, where he

created many lifelong friendships. One of his passions was cars. He had many show cars during his life and eventually ended up racing some. One of his biggest accomplishments was being a father. His daughter, Angie, thought he was a superhero and still saw him that way even into adulthood. She always believed there wasn't anything he couldn't do. They went on many adventures when she was younger, traveling in the summertime all over the United States in his van, where he had a bed fixed for her in the back and stocked it with snacks and stuffed animals. Over the years, they have traveled from New York to California and everywhere in between. He loved his grandchildren and his great grandchildren were a tremendous joy to him. He was a very generous man but never wanted any recognition for it. In short, he was a great man who was never afraid to speak his mind. There's not another one like him and his absence will create a huge void in those who truly loved him.

Services will be held Wednesday February 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral home with Bro. Rodney Williams officiating and Bro. Scott Jackson singing. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Pall Bearers will be Chase Jones, Chance Jones, Kobey Jones, James Kemp, Steve Walker, Jimmy Booth, and Steve Brown.

Honorary Pall Bearers will be Pat Patrick, Kenneth Warren, Randall McGraw, Curtis Hirth, Wayne Chance, and Robert Eaton.

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OTHER OPINION

The CDC is mimicking anti-vaxxer rhetoric

MARTIN CULLIP
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Imagine waking up one morning and reading the following statement from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): “Hundreds of people have been hospitalized due to side effects of Covid19 vaccinations. Being vaccinated risks known adverse consequences of blood clotting and cardiovascular problems.” Also imagine that the CDC failed to mention the hugely greater advantages of taking the vaccines for hundreds of millions of people. You would, quite rightly, think they had taken leave of their senses.

Yet, this is precisely what the CDC is doing when talking about reduced risk products which are helping millions of smokers quit tobacco.

On its website, the CDC ominously warns that vaping nicotine e-cigarettes can cause hospitalization and death despite their knowing very well that all so-called EVALI cases were caused by the use of illegal vaping cartridges that contained tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) – the active ingredient in cannabis. Moreover, many of the culprit vapes were obtained by black market sources – unlike conventional nicotine-containing e-cigarettes. At no point does the CDC care to inform the public that vaping has so far helped nearly 10 million Americans to quit smoking and can help adults avoid the well-known harms of smoking-related disease and death.

A December 2021 CDC press release doubled down on a questionable study condemning all tobacco harm reduction products by issuing a dire warning about nicotine pouches, saying



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that “manufacturers are currently marketing nicotine pouches and e-cigarettes with synthetic nicotine in the US ... nicotine is an addictive drug with known adverse consequences for fetal development and adolescent brain development.” Absent from this advice is any recognition of the huge potential benefits of nicotine pouches to the tens of millions of Americans still accessing nicotine via lethal combustible tobacco.

The CDC further warns that nicotine products “warrant urgent attention from policy makers, clinicians, and researchers” but fails to point out that products which deliver nicotine without the lethal cocktail of toxins produced by combustion are substantially better for the health of American adults. You would think that this is a very significant piece of information, but not for the CDC.

And in case you are thinking this is a trivial concern, it's not. COVID-19 has so far killed up to 5 million people

worldwide since the start of 2020. In contrast, smoking accounts for around 8 million deaths each year. In the United States, 480,000 people die annually and may not have had to – if they had opted for safer nicotine delivery devices, the very same products that are being demonized by the CDC.

It seems clear that when it comes to tobacco harm reduction – the term for replacing smoking with safer nicotine options – the CDC prefers to play political games to mislead the public rather than give honest and useful advice.

Where anti-vaxxer conspiracy theorists see a sinister plot by Bill Gates and the World Economic Forum to re-order society with vaccines, the CDC imagines some tin-foil hat theory whereby industry is using far safer nicotine products to somehow encourage more people to smoke. It's about as credible as saying cell phone companies are selling their products to promote more use of rotary

phones, but that is exactly the poor quality of messaging currently being promoted by the CDC.

The public trusts the CDC to provide sound science-based information, yet their misleading and often categorically false statements surrounding vapes and other reduced risk nicotine products borders on fake news. The agency seems wedded to an abstinence-only approach to consumer nicotine which protects the cigarette industry. It seems almost ironic that the same agency is also tasked with tallying the hundreds of thousands of annual deaths from smoking, many which could be avoided if more people could be convinced to try safer alternatives.

The CDC is no doubt appalled by the myriad conspiracy theories about Covid19 vaccinations and has spoken of the dangerous consequences of misinformation which deters many from taking vaccinations to protect against the disease. Yet when it comes to nicotine, the CDC is front and center promoting conspiracy theories of its own and false facts towards reduced risk products without even a nod to the huge public health bonus they could provide if allowed to prosper.

Just as the CDC would wish the public to trust in the net positive effect of vaccinations over their minimal downsides, so we should also expect the CDC to stop peddling negligible risks of safer nicotine products without highlighting the far greater benefits that they offer.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate: Senate candidate Gary Chambers gets blunt

The movement to trim jail populations is one of the few areas where the right and left have found common cause.

There are lots of reasons Louisiana is a leader in incarceration, and high crime is one of them. But Democrats and Republicans have agreed in recent years that locking up minor drug offenders is not the way to go, and it may in fact sponge up minor criminals and set them on a path to become major criminals.

One consequence is the growing consensus against

arresting people for possession of small amounts of marijuana.

But does our tolerance for marijuana mean that we want a United States senator who smokes it on TV?

Maybe we're fixing to find out, because Gary Chambers, the maverick Baton Rouge activist who finished a respectable third in a congressional race last year, is now running for the Senate, and his first ad features a video of him wearing a suit and tie and sitting outdoors in an easy chair smoking

weed.

The 37-second ad begins with Chambers saying that someone is arrested for marijuana possession in the United States every 37 seconds.

“Black people are four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana laws than White people” Chambers explains. “States waste \$3.7 billion enforcing marijuana laws every year.”

The ad was filmed in New Orleans, where the City Council instructed police not to arrest or even cite

people for small amounts of marijuana.

Chambers is a long shot in a race in which the incumbent, Republican John Kennedy, is sitting on \$10 million in campaign cash and has the backing of former President Donald Trump.

Voters can decide for themselves whether they want to replace Kennedy with a pot smoker. But the politics of marijuana surely have evolved over the generation since Bill Clinton claimed that he tried pot but didn't inhale.

OTHER OPINION

How to obtain public records – A primer

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Every time an elected official sends an email, it becomes a public record. When an employee at a government agency makes a purchase, that transaction is the public's business. Whenever a permit or license is issued by a government authority, this is information you should be able to obtain.

These records, which include everything from construction contracts and meeting minutes to electronic correspondence and court filings, offer a behind-the-scenes look into how governments function. In many cases, public records contain discussions that show how and why individuals employed by city, county, state and federal agencies make decisions and spend tax dollars.

Wisconsin's open records law begins with a declaration:

“In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them.”

That's pretty unequivocal. When government officials at the state and local level create a record, any record, under this law the public has a right to see it. We are allowed to obtain, inspect and even scrutinize these records.

And that's exactly what you should do when you want information.

If you have questions about how much a government agency spent on a project or who was at the table for an important committee meeting and how they voted, start by making

a public records request.

Commonly used by journalists as well as everyday residents, what are called “open records” or “public records” requests can be made by anyone at any time for any reason.

While the process of making a public records request is relatively simple, it is a formal process nonetheless and there are a few steps to follow.

First, determine what you want to know and who has that record. The person in charge of keeping and managing these documents at an agency or department is known as the “custodian” of public records. It doesn't hurt to call the agency to find out who that custodian is.

In crafting your request, it may be best to use a simple template. A particularly good one for state and local entities can be found on the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council's website, as the top offering under “Resources.” (For federal records, you need to file what's called a “FOIA request,” which stands for “Freedom of Information Act.”)

After you've filed your request with the record-keeping entity, you wait. Usually, the custodian will acknowledge your request pretty quickly and may tell you when you can expect your records.

Not all records are available. Some personnel – and personal – data and information may be protected. Also, records aren't kept forever and some may have been deleted, destroyed or lost.

Sometimes, there is a cost for retrieving records but you should ask to be informed of that beforehand. You can also ask that the request be fulfilled for free, as the law allows. Further, to expedite their processing — and for environmental

reasons— you may ask to receive your records electronically.

Requesting public records can take time and a fair amount of back-and-forth with record keepers to obtain the information you need. But when you have the records, you've completed an important check on the balance of power our government has over the public. And you're one step closer to understanding why and how elected officials and other authorities make their decisions.

Don't forget: These records are not the government's records – they're your records.

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SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Collin Gregg (3) led the way with 22 points Friday night as Glenbrook edged Haynesville 52-51.

Apaches hold off Haynesville, 52-51

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Tre Kent’s free throw with no time remaining made it a walk-off home win for the Apaches Friday night as Glenbrook defeated Haynesville 52-51.

It was a tight game the whole way through after Collin Gregg nailed a 3-pointer that gave the Apaches the opening lead. The teams were knotted up at 25-25 at halftime. “We got in foul trouble early and our best rebounder ended

up fouling out early in the third quarter,” said Glenbrook coach James Thurman. “With a seven-man roster, racking up fouls can really put you in a bind. Our kids found a way to adjust and come out with the win. I’m very proud of their effort and determination.”

Lady Techsters defeat Mean Green, 72-60

DENTON, Texas — The Louisiana Tech women’s basketball team responded in a big way on the road in Denton, Texas Saturday night taking down the North Texas Mean Green 72-60 inside The Super Pit. Fueled by four Lady Techsters in double figures including a career-high 17 points from sophomore point guard Salma Bates as Louisiana Tech (11-8, 3-5 C-USA) kept pace in a very entertaining back-and-forth game with North Texas (8-9, 2-5 C-USA) for three quarters and eventually pulled away over the final six minutes of the contest. The Lady Techsters got an early

spark off the bench from freshman Amaya Brannon who scored seven of her nine points in the first six minutes to give the Tech a 12-6 lead. North Texas made their first response of the night putting together a 12-1 run over the next six minutes to take the lead 18-17 with 8:35 to play in the half. The two teams spent the rest of the half exchanging blows and trading buckets as Bates closed the second quarter nailing a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Lady Techsters a one-point game (34-33) at the break.

The Techsters again closed a quarter strong with a 5-0 run in the final minute of the third thanks to a 3-pointer by Keiunna Walker and another last second bucket off a designed play for Anna Larr Roberson. Tech led 53-49 going into the final ten minutes. The two teams remained locked until the final six minutes when Walker took control and played the role of closer scoring nine of her game-high 19 in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. In their best shooting night of conference play, the Techsters finished 26-59 (.509).

N. Texas rallies late to beat Dunkin’ Dogs

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech fell in heartbreaking fashion on Saturday afternoon as North Texas hit a game-winning three in the final seconds to come away with a 63-62 decision inside the Thomas Assembly Center on Karl Malone Court. LA Tech (16-5, 7-2 Conference USA) exploded early in the second half, going on a 15-0 run that featured three straight 3-pointers – one by Exavian Christon and two by Keaston Willis – to go up 48-31. North Texas (15-4, 8-1 C-USA) battled back though, countering with a 10-0 run and eventually getting its deficit down to two at 62-60 with 1:40 to go. Facing one of the best defenses in the country, the Bulldogs went ice cold from the field, making only one field goal in the final 10 minutes of the game. They were converting from the free throw line though, making 22 of their 26 attempts.

It appeared as though Kenneth Lofton, Jr., who totaled 20 points, 11 rebounds, four assists, two steals and one block, would get a chance to return to the foul line as he had two shot attempts missed in the paint on a double team. But no foul was called and the Mean Green called a timeout with 20 seconds to play (and 18 ticks remaining on the shot clock). Tylor Perry, who was just 1-of-7 from the field going into the final possession, missed his seventh shot — a 3-pointer from the corner. However, Thomas Bell pulled down the offensive rebound and kicked it back out to Perry who did not miss his eighth, making a three to go up one with about five seconds left. Amorie Archibald had a chance to win the game for Tech at the buzzer, but his 3-point attempt was off the mark. LA Tech next tips off a three-game road stretch at 6 p.m. at Florida Atlantic.



PHOTO BY SADIE PATTON/LA TECH

Louisiana Tech Kenneth Lofton Jr. (2) led the Bulldogs with 22 points Saturday afternoon.

Ron Wong: do it all expert bass angler

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The first time I ever met Memphis, Tennessee resident Ron Wong, I came away impressed with his ability to turn a bowl of doctored up corn meal into the absolute best tasting, crunchy and tangy hush puppies I have ever eaten, bar none. The occasion was media weekend on Arkansas’s Little Red River where we were hosted by the folks at Lindsey’s Trout Dock. I also noted that when the meal was finished, Wong was working his way among the group with his camera, snapping photos of the participants. The next day on the water, I saw him several times in a passing boat, not holding a fishing rod but his trusty camera, documenting the rest of us working on the rainbow trout the Little Red is known for. In addition to his cooking expertise and the magic he produces with his camera, Ron works alongside a media friend, Larry Rea, who hosts Larry Rea Outdoors on Memphis-area radio stations. Where this hard-working fellow really stands out, though, is when he grabs his bass fishing rod and lures and heads for a lake. Social media outlets regularly show photos of Ron holding the lip of a gigantic bass just before releasing it. Now that cold winter weather has set in and many bass anglers put away their rods until the spring spawn, I gave



COURTESY PHOTO

Ron Wong has a variety of tricks to catch big bass even in the dead of winter.

Wong a call to see how he manages to catch big bass even with temperatures below freezing. “If you want to go out in below freezing weather, you’ll notice the eyes on your rod have a tendency to freeze up, making casting and retrieving virtually impossible,” Wong said. “I always carry along a can of vegetable spray, such as Pam, and spray the eyes and also the reel to prevent

ice from forming. “Another suggestion is to wait until at least around noon on those frigid days to give the water a chance to warm up a degree or two, especially on the north and northeast banks.” Even when the weather and water temperature is cold, bass still must eat but Wong noted that they don’t eat as much as they don’t move around nearly as

much in cold water. “The key to locating bass in cold water is to find the bait fish. They tend to ball up in areas where the water is a degree or two warmer. In water 20-feet deep, it may be coldest nearer the bottom but you might find the shad balled up halfway up the water column at 10 feet,” Wong said. “I like to use a Strike King swim bait in a shad color on a plain 1/8 ounce jig head using a 3-0 hook. I’ll count it down to where it’s just below the bait fish ball so that when a bass decides to eat, it will see my bait first. You don’t want to fish it fast but slowly swim it, pausing every four or five cranks to keep it below the shad. “Another good bait is an umbrella rig and I’ll put small size baits in shad color on the side wires with a slightly larger and different color jig on the middle wire. All you need to feel is one thump before setting the hook.” Finally, said Wong, if the water is clear, look for cover such as standing trees, lay-down logs or especially stumps. Sunlight will penetrate the water and warm the side facing the sun a degree or two. That’s where the fish will be, he says. From an accomplished chef to an award winning photographer to a radio co-host to one of the country’s best bass anglers, Ron Wong is the complete package.

GLYNN HARRIS’ OUTDOORS APPEARS TUESDAYS OR FRIDAYS IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU – Fishing is slow. No report this week. Contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information. **OUACHITA RIVER** – Crappie fishing is best fishing the deep tops, 15-foot deep in 18-25 foot water on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair in the run-outs from river lakes to river with spinners, crank baits and soft plastics working best. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. **LAKE D'ARBONNE** – Crappie fishing has been best in the channel fishing 20 feet deep in 25-30 foot water on jigs or shiners. Bass are in the channels in deeper water with crank baits, jigs and soft plastics picking up some. Bream fishing is slow while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks.. For the latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. **LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Mixed catches of crappie and barfish are coming from the deep water out from the dam fishing 30-feet deep in 35 foot water mostly on shiners. Also, some good catches of crappie are being made at night fishing around the lighted piers. Bass are fair on Chatter baits. A few bream have been caught off the banks on nightcrawlers. No report

on stripers or catfish. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498. **CANEY LAKE** – Bass fishing has been best fishing deep water with deep diving crank baits, jigging spoons and tail spinners. Yellow bass are mixed in with the largemouths. Crappie are in the deep water out from the dam with best catches made on shiners or jigs fished 3 feet off the bottom in 30-35 foot water. No report on catfish or bream. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. **LAKE POVERTY POINT** – Catfishing has been good on cold worms. Crappie fishing has been fair with some big fish caught fairly deep off the banks on shiners or jigs. No report on bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101. **LAKE ST. JOHN** – The water is low; launching boats is a near impossibility. No fishing this week. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821. **LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is slowly falling but there have been no fishermen out this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Spill the beans
5 Blend
9 '60s war zone
12 Alpha follower
13 Toledo's lake
14 Mineral suffix
15 Frigid spells
17 Classic Pontiac
18 Toe malady
19 "Hog-wash!"
21 Wishes (for)
24 Milk, in Mont-martre
25 Love god
26 Tropical flower
30 Unprocessed
31 Uproar
32 Ginger
33 Showy flowers
35 Detail, briefly

36 Poolroom prop
37 Basilica areas
38 African language group
40 Architect Saarinen
42 Eggs
43 Golf hazards
48 Agent
49 Actress Lena
50 "— chic!"
51 Hosp. sections
52 Zilch
53 Epidermis

DOWN

1 Telly network

2 Author Tolstoy
3 Pac. counterpart
4 Police identifiers
5 Diner handout
6 Part of Q.E.D.
7 Back talk
8 Woe
9 Bedtime drinks
10 "— boy!"
11 Cat call
16 "Mayday!"
20 Bro's kin
21 Olympian queen
22 Algerian port

23 Afternoon energizers
24 Wall St. deals
26 Big slice
27 Anger
28 Peter Fonda role
29 Brief moments
31 Deal primarily with
34 Wrestling surface
35 The "S" of ESPN
37 Museum display
38 Drill
39 Say it's so
40 Wife of Geraint
41 Author Ferber
44 In the style of
45 Biblical boat
46 Architect I. M.
47 Nine-digit ID

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

COMICS

BABY BLUES I RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



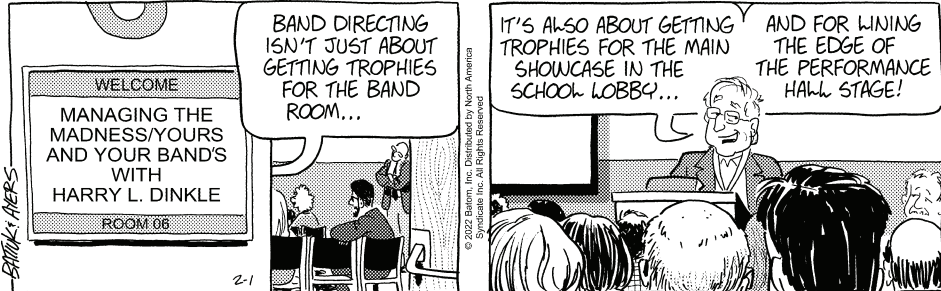
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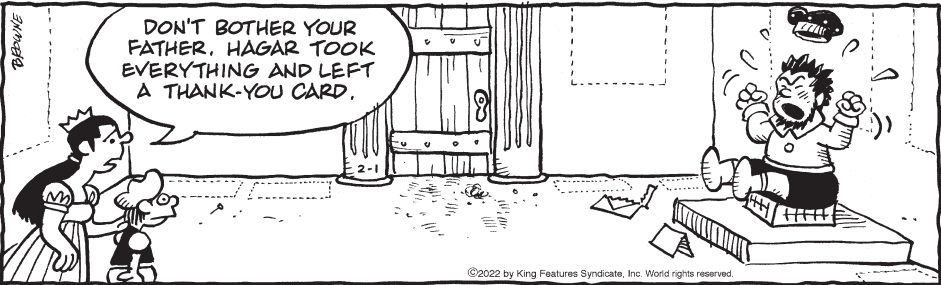
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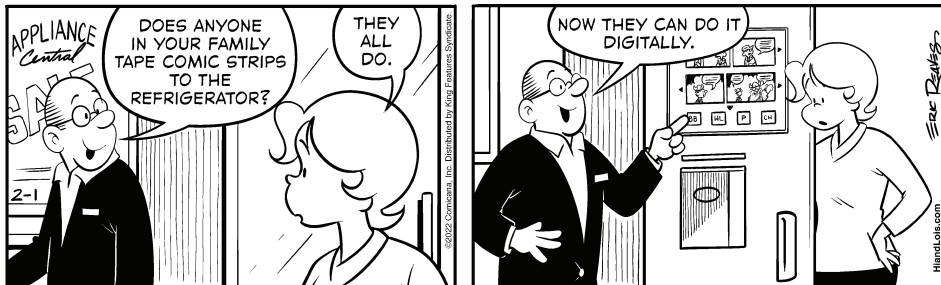
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SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY DO I ALWAYS CRUSH UP SOME PLUM TOMATOES TO ADD TO MY BATHWATER? BECAUSE IT'S ROMA-THERAPY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals B

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ACTION FOR DIVORCE

SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF RENSSELAER NAME: Michael Eric Halachik PLAINTIFF, against NAME: Sara Ann Halachik DEFENDANT.

SUMMONS INDEX NO.: 2021-270009 Date Filed: September 17, 2021

To the above-named defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of the answer on the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally with the state, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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LIHEAP

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

CALL-IN DATES ARE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2022-MINDEN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2022-SPRINGHILL

Webster Parish Community Services is offering the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Funds have been made available for fiscal year 2022 for non-crisis assistance as well as crisis assistance. Applicants will be served on a first come, first serve basis.

DUE TO THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THERE WILL BE NO WALK-INS AT THIS TIME. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

TARGET GROUP: The target group for this program are elderly, disabled, and families with children five years of age or younger.

- ♦ Target Group individuals from the south part of the parish, Minden, Sibley, Doyline, etc., may request assistance by calling 318-377-7022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., MONDAY - FEBRUARY 07, 2022 on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- ♦ Target Group individuals from the north part of the parish, Springhill, Cullen, Cotton Valley, etc. may request assistance By calling 318-377-7022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 08, 2022 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

ALL OTHER GROUP: Individuals who do not qualify as target group.

- ♦ Individuals from the south part of the parish, Minden, Sibley, Doyline, etc. may request assistance by calling 318-377-7022, beginning at 1:30 P.M. until 4:00 p.m., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2022 on a first-come, first-serve basis.
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Once assistance has been requested, individuals will be notified of appointment date and time, as well as the necessary documentation required to apply by telephone.

Each individual must be a resident of Webster Parish and provide proof of eligibility. In order to be eligible, the entire family income must be at or below 60 per cent median income 4-person family guidelines and not have received assistance within the last 6 months. They may be eligible if residents in the home receive food stamps, Supplemental Security Income, TANF, or certain veterans' pension payments. Besides the proof of eligibility, each applicant must provide copies of utility bills. Printouts from utility companies will be accepted if items of service are displayed individually. The payment of each utility bill remains the responsibility of the individual or family. If a utility bill has been paid by the applicant, a credit will be given for future utility bills. This program is not responsible for a utility being shutoff between the time an application is made and payment is received by the utility company.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE:

The LIHEAP program also provides energy crisis intervention to eligible households. The program provides for an energy payment and up to a maximum benefit amount of \$475. To be eligible for LIHEAP Crisis Assistance, the applicant's household must meet the following requirements:

1. Income eligibility
2. Vulnerability
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A household can receive only one crisis assistance benefit during a 12-month period. Services are available to all persons on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age or disability. Anyone who feels they have been discriminated against should contact the Office of Community Services, 208 Gleason St., Minden, LA, phone 318-377-7022 or Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, phone 888-454-2001. Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services is an equal opportunity employer/provider. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Call 318-377-7022, 318-539-5696, TDD 1-800-846-5277 for information.

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