



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Oh What a wonderful world! I hope all had a wonderful Mother's Day! We had two things to celebrate this weekend: Mike Cage's 84th birthday, May 8, 1936, and Sunday, May 10. The weekend was truly glorious! Flowers arrived, birthday cards, Mother's Day cards, phone calls, invitations for family brunches, calls from well wishers, it could not have been better!

This epidemic seems to be slowing down just a bit, thank goodness, and people seem to be really trying to do the right thing, social distancing, wearing masks at the appropriate time and very slowly trying to get back to more normal times. This world will never be the same! It has changed forever, like after 9/11.

CLAUDIA & JIMMY WOODS! March 22 until April 29, the Woods family battled the Covid-19 at St. Francis Hospital. A parade of hospital workers and family celebrated JIMMY'S release. It was so heart warming to see the family back together! One of the grandchildren was so cute and very emotional saying the devil had caused this, Jesus had saved his Paw and when he first saw him, as he was leaving the hospital, he had strong feelings of his bones coming out of his feet. As Claudia said, Faith, God and her Savior pulled her through.

Another man's opinion... China, the nine-headed dragon of the world! First China allowed limited capitalism, opened markets/companies that produced cheap goods that they sell for big prices here in the USA. American greed, cheap labor, no unions, no pension and profit sharing plans, no lawsuits, liability/contingent. We should have listened to William Shakespeare: "First thing we do is kill all the lawyers!" Thank goodness for all the good ones! Way back when it was not ethical for lawyers to advertise. All you see now is "Call us ... do not delay, call us today." Contingent lawsuits, a charge for a lawyer's service that is payable only if a lawsuit is successful. The lawyer gets 40 percent fee. If a lawyer gets you \$300,000, what do you think the lawyer gets? It should be loser pays! This will never change, why? Who runs Washington? The lawyers! As Earl Pitts said, "Wake Up America!" Pitts off. We will be defeated by the economy not the military.

My sister Rebo, passed the following on to me and I cried my eyes out! "TO GIVE PLEASURE TO A SINGLE HEART BY A SINGLE KIND ACT IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND HEAD-BOWINGS IN PRAYER" — SAADI

"I just looked out my window over here on Glenmar and noticed an older gentleman was mowing my front yard. It was in TERRIBLE shape, I mean UGLY, plain AWFUL... so at first, I just watched behind the security of my curtains! After about 30 seconds of that, I became overwhelmed with these mixed emotions; I was completely embarrassed yet I was extremely grateful, so I knew I had to do SOMETHING. I was compelled by this kind gesture to act quickly, but I felt awkward... I was a GIGANTIC Rubik's Cube colored full of different feelings & they were ALL spinning simultaneously. I felt tears begin to drip down my cheek. So dressed like a complete ragamuffin, teary-eyed & all, I slowly stepped outside to get his attention, I wanted to say "Thank You" in person... it was your brother-in-law, Dr. Mike Cage. He turned off the mower off & we chatted for a little bit... reminiscing about your Mom, Papaw, etcetera, a short but very sweet conversation, indeed. And that was it... he turned the mower back on & I skipped inside... it was over. WOW! I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH THIS SHORT MOMENT IN TIME IMPACTED ME ... ONE KIND LITTLE GESTURE HAD A huge INFLUENCE on ME & MY ENTIRE outlook today! I am so full of joy right now & oh how very blessed I am for friends and neighbors that I have!! Again-WOW.... Please pass this on to your sister."

Back in time around 1650, England with King Charles II — the great plague of London. It begin in the rat infested areas of the docks, but it rapidly spread through out the city. No one was safe. People avoided each other for fear of infection and all public gatherings were forbidden. For months the bells tolled and men went out with carts through the streets calling, "Bring our your dead." Door after door was marked with the cross which showed that someone in the house had the plague. By the end of the year, 70,000 people had died in London. My Grandson, Quinn Snelings, was doing a history report on Zoom and he chose CHARLES II from my collection of Ladybird Books.

Be kind to all, stay safe, God Bless and I look forward to the next time...

Dianne

P.S. I happened to pick up a package of Uncle Ben's Wild Rice and on the package was Made in Canada ... felt like I had an Angel Wink. So refreshing!



ABOVE: Lary Cash and darling great-granddaughter Maddie.



ABOVE: June and sister Camille Butcher home to celebrate Mother's Day with grandmother Dr. Sue Nawas.



ABOVE: Leigh Moses and Mike Cage



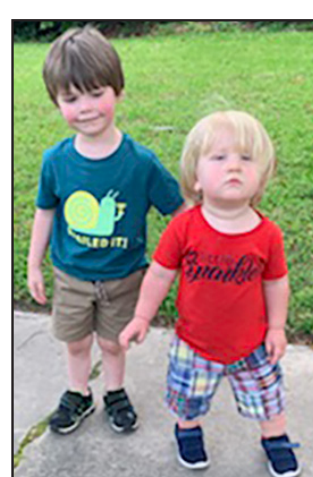
ABOVE: The beautiful Bubby Brister family.



ABOVE: Old friends enjoying a good visit, Dixon Abell, Laura and Jesse Wied.



ABOVE: Tim Harvey and delicious fresh fish. He shares, too!



LEFT: Neighborhood friends, Landry and Sawyer.

Pageant postponed

The Miss America Organization announced that for the health and safety of candidates, families, and volunteers, the 2020 Miss America Competition will be postponed.

In keeping with their announcement, the Miss Louisiana and Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Competition slated for June 2020 in Monroe will also be postponed until 2021.

"Our commitment to providing the best possible scholarships, experiences and opportunities to the young ladies who compete

has not changed. Over the next year we will continue to educate the public on the impact that our candidates from across the state have on their local communities through volunteerism and service, and we will celebrate their accomplishments," said Dewana Little, Miss Louisiana Executive Director.

The Miss Louisiana Organization awarded \$62,500 in cash scholarships and made available over \$500,000 in in-kind scholarships in 2019. Info: misslouisiana.org

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