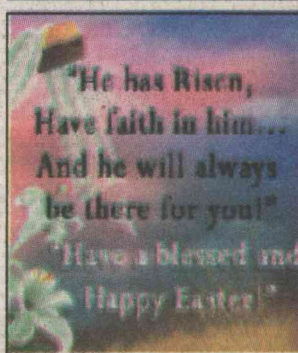
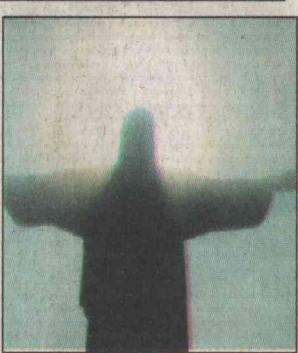
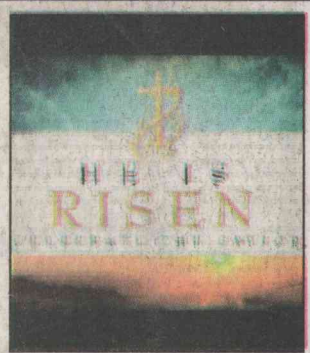
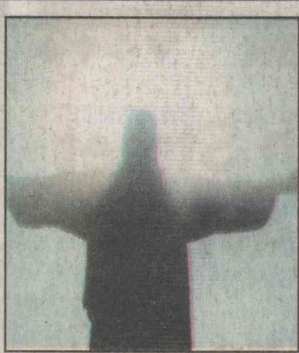
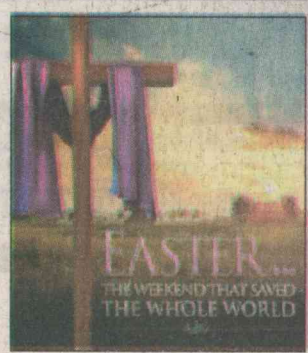




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- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building
- * The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave. at 11: a.m.
- * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am at the Mae Simmons Community Center located at 2004 Oak Avenue.
- * West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.
- * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- * ColorYour Stress Away Adult Coloring meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Patterson Library 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
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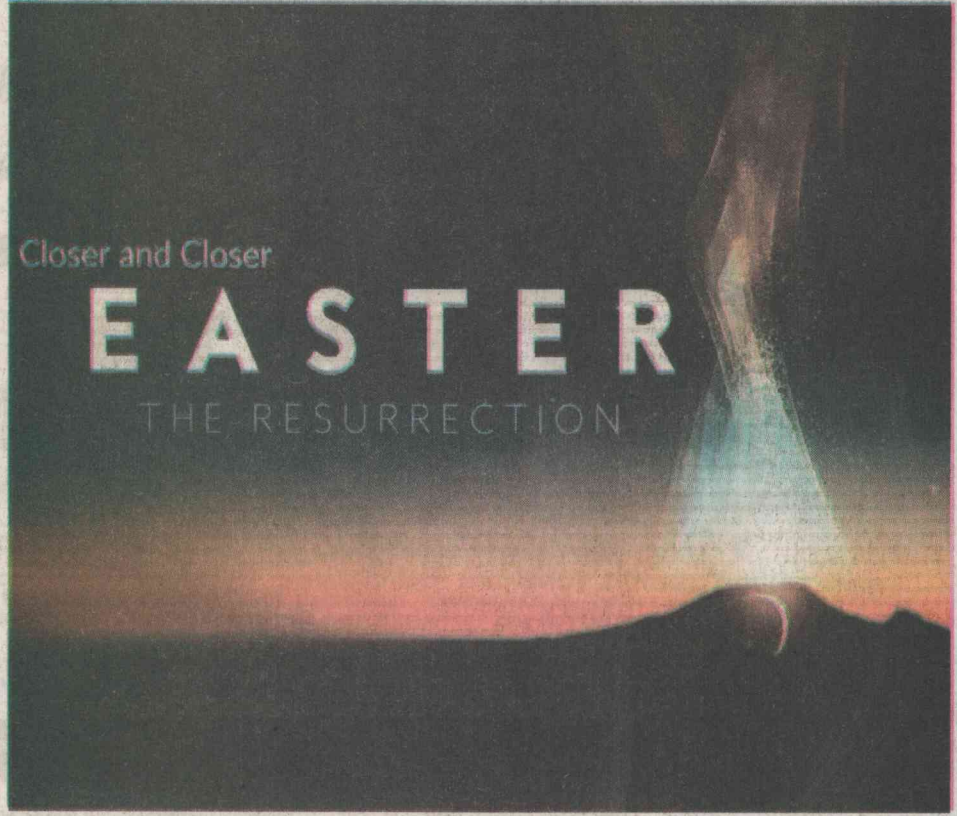
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Reverend T. J. Patterson, Jr. Celebrates Ninth Anniversary At Elm Grove Missionary Baptist Church In Fort Worth, Texas

Fort Worth, Texas -- Members and friends of the Elm Grove Baptist Church, 1344 East Harvey Avenue, were in attendance of the Ninth Anniversary of their Pastor, Reverend T. J. Patterson, Jr., on Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2020.

The theme for the celebration came from the scripture: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15.

Reverend Patterson is the son of the late Mrs. Bobbie Gean Bailey-Patterson and T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas.

A dynamic sermon was delivered by Pastor Ronald Francis, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, who expressed how well Pastor Patterson has been received since he has been pastor. He showed how he was glad to have been chosen as the speaker for this program which showed him how much he is appreciated.

Reverend Ricky Patridge introduced Pastor Francis.

A Welcome and the Occasion were given by Sister Tenia Brown who expressed the feeling of the membership.

The Elm Grove Baptist Church made dynamic musical selection.

The Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

Deacon William Brown, Pastor's Aide President, delivered a strong presentation on what the church members thought about Pastor Patterson.

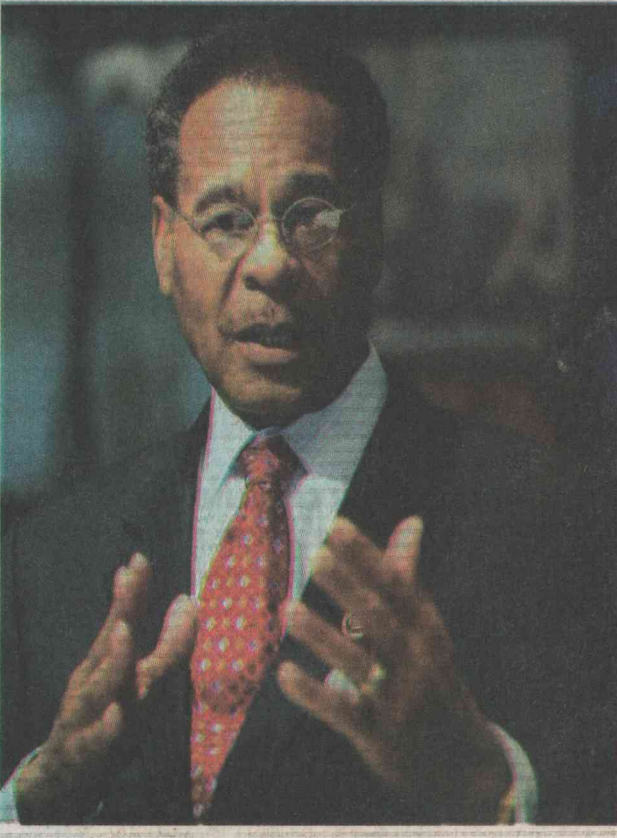
The Honoree Expressions came from Lady Ursula Patterson and Reverend Patterson who expressed from their hearts on what this special effort meant to each of them.

Among those family members present for this special service was Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris, who is a sister of Reverend Patterson. Also with her was Shaun Harris, her husband. They reside in Lubbock, Texas.

Also present were family members of their brother, T. J. Patterson, Sr. who was unable to attend. They were: Evelyn Moss, Jaunita Davis, Tanya Davis, Carol Hawkins, Rev. Cecil Hawkins, Kevin Hawkins, Erica Hawkins, Lisa Hawkins, and Lori and Festus Omorogieva.

It was a very well received by all in attendance, and thank God for all that has been done!

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II Speaks to America!



Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II

Dear Neighbor,

My staff and I have received a number of inquiries regarding the coronavirus over the last week, and I want you to know I am closely monitoring the situation as it evolves across the nation. I want to inform you that we have just received confirmation of the first case of coronavirus in Jackson County, and it is exceedingly likely we will see the number of confirmed cases rise as Missouri ramps up its testing capabilities. To protect our communities and to limit the spread of coronavirus, I want to update you with the latest information and share some steps you can take to keep you and your family healthy.

There is currently a lot of false and misleading information being spread about coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, so please take some time to visit the CDC, Missouri Department of Health, and Kansas City Health Department websites for the latest and most accurate information. You can also call Missouri's 24-hour hotline dedicated to answering any questions you may have about the virus at 877-435-8411. Lastly, I've compiled some local resources and frequently asked questions on my website.

The Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has called on Americans to take the following steps to prevent the spread of coronavirus:

- For the next 15 days, organizers, groups or individuals should cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 10 people or more throughout the United States.
- If you are a person with a weakened immune system or serious underlying health condition (such as heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, etc.), stay home and away from other people.
- People who do not show symptoms can still spread the virus. Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others.
- Avoid crowds as much as possible.
- Avoid close contact w/people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, & mouth.
- Stay home as much as possible to further reduce your risk of being exposed.
- Cover your cough or sneeze w/ a tissue, then throw tissue in the trash.
- Use a regular household cleaning spray/wipe to clean & disinfect frequently touched objects & surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If you are sick or think you may have been exposed to coronavirus, please self-quarantine and call your healthcare provider for medical advice. Here are some other steps the CDC recommends should you show symptoms of coronavirus:

- Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home. Call ahead before visiting your doctor.
- Wear a facemask, if possible.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands often
- Avoid sharing personal household items
- Clean all "high-touch" surfaces everyday

As of this writing, my offices in Kansas City, Independence, Higgsville and Washington, D.C. remain available to assist constituents in need of help from a federal agency via phone or email. Should anything change, I will be sure to notify you via social media, email, and through my website.

I believe it is incredibly important for the American people to receive accurate and honest information about coronavirus. For that reason I will continue to update you as the situation continues to unfold. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for assistance.

Best,
Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress



Pictured from left to right are: T.J. Patterson, III., Ursula Patterson, Lauren Patterson and Reverend T.J. Patterson, Jr.



Family members of Reverend T.J. Patterson, Jr. in Attendance

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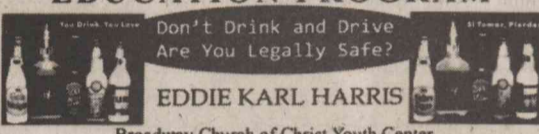
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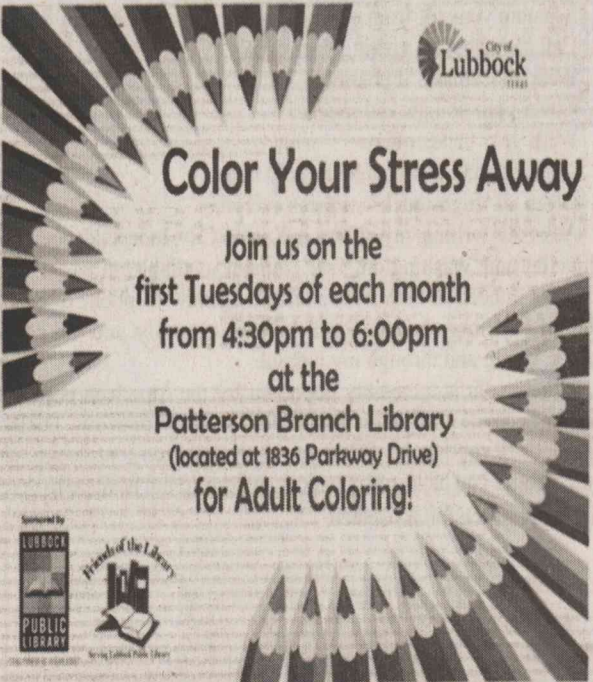
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Thursday, April 23
Breakfast Bingo
10 a.m., Free, Ages 50+
Join us for breakfast, and a friendly game of Bingo!

Saturday, April 25
BBQ and Grilling Class
9 a.m., \$40 per course or \$10 per class
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

EPIDEMIC OR PANDEMIC

If we have not endured enough fright from the political primaries, we definitely have enough now from the coronavirus (COVID-19). The last news that I received stated that are over 401 confirmed cases of the ailment in the United States and that it has spread over 20 states and there are probably more infected undetected cases. A few confirmed cases have survived which is a plus sign, but at least 19 people have died. Some of these have been travel-related cases and some were person to person especially those repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and the Princess cruise ships. Across 70 countries more than 3,500 people have died. About 58,300 have recovered. At last count, there have been 105,800 cases of the illness on record across the world.

Everywhere we read, the first thing to do is **WASH YOUR HANDS** and make sure they are dried very well. We need to avoid close contact with people who are sick and **STAY AT HOME** if you are sick. Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth. Clean your household objects and surfaces with an antibacterial substance if possible.

According to USA TODAY, one does not need a mask, because the general public is at low risk for the virus, but if you **HAVE** the virus, you do need a mask. Health care workers need a mask. Those people age 60 and above with underlying conditions are at high risk of contracting the virus.

Those underlying conditions are hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes (high sugar count), cardiovascular disease (heart trouble), chronic respiratory disease, (asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, tuberculosis) and cancer according to the World Health Organization. In China,

the highest mortality rate was among people 80 years of age. Senior citizens are encouraged not to travel unless it is vitally necessary.

To be tested, it has to be ordered by a doctor, and at present it is reported that the United States does not have enough test kits available. There is no drug or vaccine to treat the virus; only supportive care for vital organ functions according to the Center for Disease Control. Get "in cinque" and **DRINK PLENTY OF WATER and REST!** Hold your breath each morning when you rise for about 25 seconds and if you do not cough or feel any way miserable, you are **OK**. If not, **RUN** to your doctor!

City Council

Issues

Dissater Declaration

The City of Lubbock City Council has issued a Disaster Declaration. This Declaration prohibits all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings of 200 persons or more, anywhere in the City of Lubbock, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020. For all other gatherings, the Declaration strongly recommends citizens adhere to Social Distancing Protocols established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than 50 persons.

Per the Disaster Declaration issued today: "A "Mass Gathering" does not include the following:

- Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport;
- Public or private schools;
- Licensed day care facilities;
- Places of worship;
- Weddings and funerals

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Governor Ralph Northam
P.O. Box 1475 Richmond, VA 23218.

RE: Virginia Policy on Government-Mandated Project Labor Agreements and Prevailing Wage on Public Works Construction Projects
Dear Governor Northam, Senate Majority Leader Saslaw and Speaker Filler-Corn:

The National Black Chamber of Commerce is the largest Black organization addressing African American economic issues and policies throughout the world. We were incorporated May 23, 1993 and will celebrate our 28th anniversary this July.

It has come to our attention that the Virginia General Assembly is moving legislation to change or rescind section § 2.2-4321.2 of the Code of Virginia, which currently requires taxpayer-funded public works construction contracts procured by state agencies² to use a competitive bidding process that is open to all qualified businesses, regardless of whether they are willing to sign union agreements as a condition of performing taxpayer-funded construction projects.

We are concerned that rescinding this statute and replacing it with policies permitting government mandated project labor agreements, which are union agreements unique to the construction industry, on public works projects procured by the Commonwealth's state³ and/or local⁴ governments will have a negative impact on Virginia's taxpayers and African-American businesses and construction employees.

Government-mandated PLAs typically require companies to agree to recognize unions as the representatives of their employees on that job, use the union hiring hall to obtain most or all

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY OF US TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN LUBBOCK, TEXAS!

As a citizen of Lubbock, Texas, THIS N THAT has many opportunities to ride throughout this area of this fine city and can imagine many opportunities for **EASTERN LUBBOCK!**

There are those among us who spend many hours of the day and week talking negative about **EASTERN LUBBOCK**, but if you would pull off those negative glasses and take a positive view, perhaps you would see many opportunities.

There are many under developed areas which are waiting for many of us to come forward

with those **POSITIVE IDEAS** which would bring **EASTERN LUBBOCK** as to where it should be.

Let's **QUIT TALKING ABOUT WHAT EASTERN LUBBOCK** doesn't have, and begin **TODAY** speaking about what it will become. You see, **THIS N THAT** has talked to many citizens who reside in **EASTERN LUBBOCK!**

THIS N THAT has observed over the past three years the number of homes and rental properties being constructed in **EASTERN LUBBOCK!** It's just amazing what one can observe while in a positive posture. The time to be negative has come and gone. Its time to change our position on how we may feel about **EASTERN**

LUBBOCK!

THIS N THAT would encourage you to either drive or ride throughout **EASTERN LUBBOCK** and image the many opportunities which are awaiting those of **EASTERN LUBBOCK!** You see, as citizens we need to quit talking about what **EASTERN LUBBOCK** doesn't have and begin talking about the many opportunities you see.

Oh, yes, **EASTERN LUBBOCK** is on its way as it should be. You see, **EASTERN LUBBOCK** is waiting for you to get involved with your brilliant ideas. Talking about what **EASTERN LUBBOCK** doesn't have, and start bringing your ideas to the table for **POSITIVE ACTION!**

workers, obtain apprentices exclusively from union apprenticeship programs, follow union work rules and pay into union benefit and multi-employer pension plans that any nonunion employees permitted on the project will be unlikely to access unless they join a union and vest in these plans. This forces employers 1 <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/2.2-4321.2/> 2 From statute: "State agency" means any authority, board, department, instrumentality, institution, agency, or other unit of state government. "State agency" shall not include any county, city, or town. 3 See Sen. Saslaw's SB 182; <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB182> 4 See bills introduced by Del. Carroll Foy (HB 122); Del. Tran (HB 1202); and Del. Lopez (HB 358). A NBCC-opposed bill introduced by Sen. Ebbin (SB 839) permits local governments

to require developers to enter into agreements with unions like PLAs as a condition of receiving zoning approval for certain private projects. This will drastically reshape Virginia's ability to attract large employers and developers needed to advance economic development of nonunion workers to pay "double benefits" into existing plans and union plans, and places firms opposed to these costly provisions at a significant competitive disadvantage.⁵

Government-mandated PLAs harm the few, if any, nonunion construction workers allowed to work on a PLA jobsite. Research has found that employees of nonunion contractors who are forced to perform under government-mandated PLAs and contribute into union benefits plans suffer a reduction in their take-home pay that is conservatively estimated at 20 percent.⁶ In addition, nonunion construction

workers are forced to pay union dues and/or join a union if they want to work on the project and receive union benefits earned during the project. This is wage theft, which will harm the families of Virginians working in the construction industry.

The effect of government-mandated PLAs is that they discourage competition from Virginia's qualified contractors and the 97.8% of Virginia's construction workforce⁷ that chooses not to join a union to rebuild their communities. Government-mandated PLAs are opposed by the NBCC because almost all minority-owned contracting firms are not affiliated with unions. African American-owned contracting firms are typically small businesses and employ their own core workforce of skilled construction workers, who are not unionized and are generally more diverse

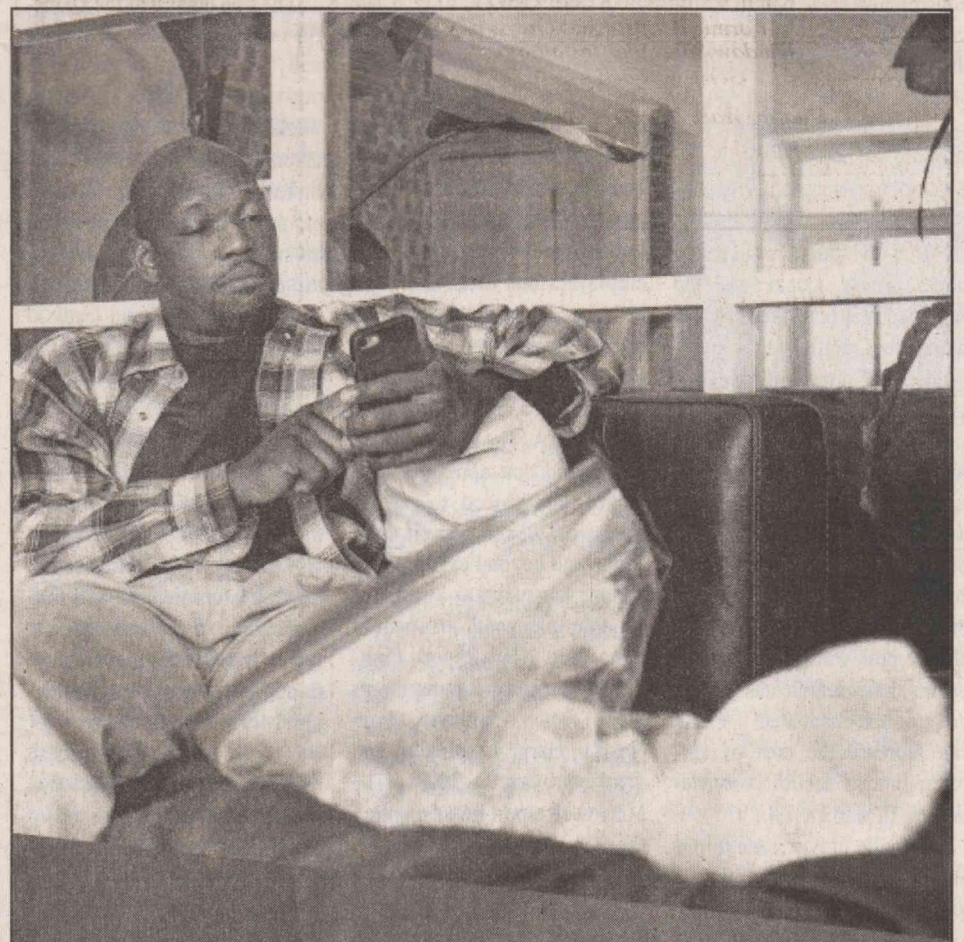
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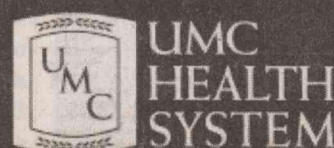


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Revelation 2:7a -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Luke 19:46 -- Jesus said, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but you have made it a den of thieves.

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Revelation 2:11 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Matthew 23:17 -- Jesus said, You fools and blind: for whither is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

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SO THEY CAN PAY TITHES TO HIM; HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THEIR LOST SOULS!!!

Rev. 2:17 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Matthew 23: 23 -- Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matter of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other un-

done. **REV. GREENBACK TELLS THE PEOPLE; YOU'RE ROBBING GOD; NOT PAYING TITHES.**

GOD DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY; HE WANTS YOUR HEART; MIND AND SOUL; FROM INSIDE!!!

Revelation 2:29 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

Micha 6:6-7a -- Where-with shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offering, with calves of a year old? Will the lord be pleased with thousands of rams. Or with ten thousand rivers of oil?

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Micha 6:8 -- He has showed you, O' man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Rev. WONDERFUL he let the **HOMOSEXUALS AND LESBIANISM; IN THE CHOIR TO SANG. BUT IT'S NOTHING; BUT A STINK TO THE NOSTRILS OF**

GOD; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Rev. 3:6 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Malachi 1:6 -- A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, O priest, that despise my name. And you say wherein have we despised your name.

***** YES THE PREACHERS ARE ROBBING GOD!!!*****

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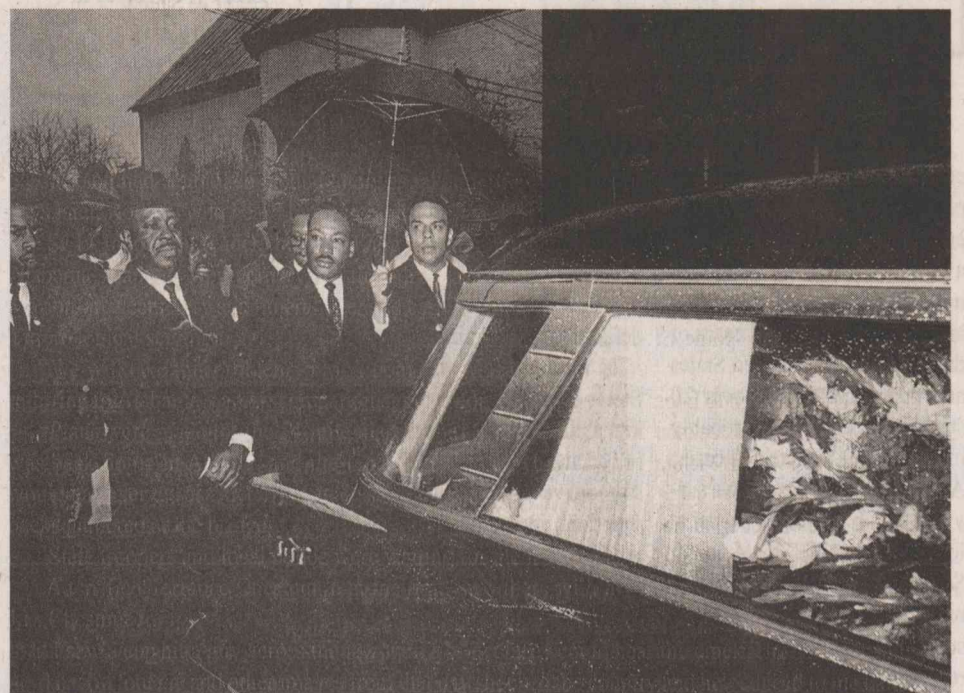
JESUS SAID GO INTO ALL THE WORLD; AND TELL LOST SOULS; JESUS IS THE WAY!!!

Revelation 3:13 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

Isaiah 56:10-11 -- The Lord said, His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, laying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, for his quarter (ANNIVERSARY).

Galatians 4:16 -- Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

Civil Rights: "The Road To Bloody Sunday Began 30 Miles Away"



In this March 1, 1965, photo, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. leads a procession behind the casket of Jimmie Lee Jackson during funeral rites at Marion, Ala. From left, John Lewis, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, King and the Rev. Andrew Young. In 1965, Jackson was fatally shot at a protest in Marion. It was that killing that sent hundreds of people to Selma for a march at the Edmund Pettus Bridge two weeks later. (AP Photo/File)

An Overview on What Led to Bloody Sunday!!!

Marion, Georgia (AP) — Della Simpson Maynor remembers the mounted police officer cracking her elbow with a baton. She recalls the panicked marchers unable to escape the onslaught, and the scuffle between officers and a young church deacon who was trying to protect his mother and grandfather. Most of all, she remembers the gunshot.

Two weeks before Bloody Sunday — the clash in Selma on March 7, 1965, that helped propel the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 — there was a march in this small town 30 miles away.

What happened in Marion is now a less-familiar episode in the civil rights movement, a footnote in the textbooks. But the blood spilled here would send hundreds of people from Marion and the surrounding county to Selma and the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where history was made.

"Starting the story in Selma is like reading a book by starting in the middle and not going back to the beginning so you can get the total picture of what actually happened in 1965," said Perry County Commissioner Alfred Turner Jr. "Without the events occurring in Marion, there's no way you would have gotten the same results or the optics of Bloody Sunday."

The protest in Marion was sparked by the arrest of a minister who was leading efforts to register Black people to vote. It ended with the fatal shooting of a 26-year-old Black church deacon, Jimmie Lee Jackson, by a state trooper.

As the 55th anniversary of Bloody Sunday approaches, people here say they want the full story remembered.

The road to Marion, and eventually to Selma, began at the White House months before.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, his lieutenant Andrew Young and other activists sat down with President Lyndon Johnson after passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Johnson "told Dr. King, 'I know you need voting rights. I wish I could do it, but I just don't have the power,'" Young recalled, adding Johnson seemed depressed.

When they left, King said, "We've got to figure out how to get the president some power," according to Young, who would go on to become a congressman, Atlanta mayor and U.N. ambassador.

King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference chose to throw its support behind the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and local groups that had been focusing on voter registration in Alabama, where they were holding protests, sit-ins and boycotts.

The Rev. James Orange of the SCLC organized protests in Marion and Perry County, and hundreds of people were regularly arrested and jailed. When students began skipping school to join the marches, authorities arrested Orange on Feb. 18, 1965, for contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Former Perry County Circuit Clerk Mary Moore, a second-grader at the time, said the arrest was hypocritical on the part of the white authorities, noting that Black students back then often missed school because farmers needed them to pick cotton.

Rumors circulated that Orange would be lynched behind bars. That was by no means a far-fetched fear.

"That's the way it was then," said 83-year-old Elijah Rollins, then owner of one of the town's funeral homes. "It was just tradition."

Townpeople planned a night protest march from Zion Methodist Church to the jail on the next block. State and local police were waiting for them outside, where the streetlight was either shot out or turned off. With darkness came chaos.

Rollins had skipped the church meeting but heard the commotion, and when he went outside, "a lot of people were getting the hell beat out of them."

Maynor, then 14, watched as a pastor started off the protest by kneeling to pray, as was customary. Police officers told him to get up and clubbed him when he didn't, she said. "When I saw that, I was terrified," she recalled. Seconds later she was hit as she raised her arm to protect her head. An officer on horseback "was whaling down on me."

Somewhere in the melee, Cager Lee, 82, and his daughter Viola Jackson were attacked by police. Lee's grandson, Jimmie Lee Jackson, came to help them and grappled with officers inside a local hang-out. "A few minutes later you heard the gunshot," Maynor said.

Jackson had a stomach wound and was taken to the Black hospital in Selma, where he died eight days later. Rollins, who heard him screaming in pain two days before, picked up the body.

SCLC and local leaders began talking almost immediately about taking his body from Marion to Alabama's capital, Montgomery, but that idea was abandoned. They decided to lay Jackson to rest at a Marion-area cemetery at a funeral attended by King himself, and later march to the capital from Selma, a more logical staging point.

"We will take this problem to Montgomery and leave it on Wallace's doorstep," King told Young, referring to Alabama's arch-segregationist governor, George Wallace.cks Cafe.

Plans were made for the 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, but on the day chosen, King was back home in Atlanta, and the federal observers who normally shadowed him and presumably would have served as a deterrent against violence weren't there when hundreds of marchers with backpacks gathered at the bridge.

State troopers and local police were waiting for them and attacked with clubs and tear gas. A terrified Terrance Chestnut, 6 at the time, was there with his father, Selma civil rights attorney J.L. Chestnut Jr.

"I saw a cop hit a guy across the jaw with a billy club. I could hear the crack," he said. The TV footage and other images from that day shocked the country and helped lead to the landmark federal law protecting the right of African Americans to vote.

The Marion marchers would not recognize the community leadership now.

The state trooper who shot Jackson, James Bonard Fowler, was prosecuted decades later by Perry County's first Black district attorney. Fowler pleaded guilty in 2010 to manslaughter and served five months in jail. The mayor, police chief, sheriff and numerous other public officials in Marion and Perry County also are African American.

A marble monument to the civil rights movement has been erected in front of Zion Methodist with the names of the people who participated in those protests. The county jail where Orange was held is closed, but there are plans to turn it into a museum. On the courthouse square is another monument, telling Jackson's story and adding Marion to the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. It was put up in 2015.

In a letter to the Department of Interior supporting Marion's inclusion, Rep. Terri Sewell of Alabama cited the role Jackson's death played in the Selma march, saying that nearly 300 of the more than 500 people who participated on Bloody Sunday were from Marion.

In the years afterward, Jackson's mother "was never right again after Jimmie was killed," said his cousin Fairest Cureton, 63.

"Jimmie was one of the nicest, most mannerable persons that I knew. He always had a smile on his face," said another cousin, 76-year-old Julia Cash, "and what was most impressive is he always took time for other people."

In fact, according to his family, Jackson was too sick to come to the church meeting that night in Marion but drove his grandfather and mother there and was waiting to take them home.

As for Orange, he went on take part in the Bloody Sunday march and spent his life fighting for civil rights and others causes, believing in "this thing called equality," said his daughter, Jamida Orange. He died in 2008.

"If anybody tells you it was anything but the death of Jimmie Lee Jackson that provoked that Selma-to-Montgomery march," she said, "they are doing a revisionist history."

Beyond the Rhetoric

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more diverse than construction workers coming from union hiring halls.

Despite efforts of various construction trade unions to diversify their membership over the years, they simply are not recruiting enough African American members into the trades. In addition, claims that a PLA can be a tool to ensure minority construction workers and businesses are used on a public project is a farce. These goals can be achieved via contracting and workforce requirements independent of a discriminatory PLA mandate.

Government neutrality toward whether a construction contractor has an agreement with a labor organization is the best way to ensure fair and open competition on taxpayer-funded public works projects. This inclusive policy also benefits taxpayers, as research has shown government-mandated PLAs can increase the cost of taxpayer-funded school construction by 12% to 18%.⁸

Finally, it has come to our attention that several bills requiring prevailing wage on state-and/or locally procured construction projects are also moving through the Virginia legislature. The NBCC opposes the practice of forcing contractors to pay wages and benefits at rates determined by the U.S. Department of Labor via the federal Davis-Bacon Act. The NBCC opposes the Davis-Bacon Act and prevailing wage laws enacted in 27 states because these federal and state laws remain one of the last vestiges of Jim Crow.

5 An October 2009 report by Dr. John R. McGowan, The DisFringe Benefit Requirements on Nonunion Workers Under Government-Mandated Project Labor Agreements, finds that employers that offer their own benefits, including health and pension plans, often continue to pay for existing programs as well as into union programs under a PLA. The McGowan report found that nonunion contractors are forced to pay in excess of 25% in benefit costs above and beyond existing prevailing wage laws as a result of "double payment" of benefit

costs. See New Report Finds PLA Pension Requirements Steal from Employee Paychecks, Harm Employers and Taxpayers, Oct. 24, 2009. 6 The McGowan report found employees of nonunion contractors who are forced to perform under discriminatory Impact of Union Fringe Benefit Requirements on Nonunion Workers Under Government-Mandated Project Labor Agreements, finds that employers that offer their own benefits, including health and pension plans, often continue to pay for existing programs as well as into union programs under a PLA. The McGowan report found that nonunion contractors are forced to pay in excess of 25% in benefit costs above and beyond existing prevailing wage laws as a result of "double payment" of benefit costs. See New Report Finds PLA Pension Requirements Steal from Employee Paychecks, Harm Employers and Taxpayers, Oct. 24, 2009. 6 The McGowan report found employees of nonunion contractors who are forced to perform under government-mandated PLAs suffer a reduction in their take-home pay that is conservatively estimated at 20%. In addition, PLAs force employers to pay employee benefits into union-managed funds, but employees will never see the benefits of the employer contributions unless they join a union and become vested in these plans. See TheTruthAboutPLAs.com, New Report Finds PLA Pension Requirements Steal from Employee Paychecks, Harm Employers and Taxpayers, Oct. 24, 2009. 7 Just 2.2% of Virginia's construction workforce belonged to a union in 2018. See UnionStats.com, Table II, State: Union Membership, Coverage, Density, and Employment by State and Sector, 1983-2018, Barry Hirsch (Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University) and David Macpherson (Department of Economics, Trinity University), accessed Jan. 20, 2020. 8 See research about the impact of government-mandated PLAs on school construction costs at: <http://beaconhill.org/labor-economics/>. 9 See bills introduced

by Sen. Saslaw (SB 8), Sen. Favola (SB 180), Del. Kory (HB 114), Del. Carroll Foy (HB 833), and Del. Tran (HB 1203).

The true history of the Davis-Bacon Act was that it was originally enacted as protectionist measure for white northern workers against southern black labor. Today, Davis-Bacon continues to discriminate against nonunion firms, many of which are minority-owned. In addition, the Davis-Bacon Act drives up construction costs and leads to less construction industry job creation and fewer schools, roads and bridges.

In addition, the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the DOL's Office of Inspector General have concluded the U.S. DOL's wage determination process is unscientific and fundamentally flawed, because it typically sets rates that are anything but local, prevailing, timely or accurate.¹⁰

Eliminating burdensome regulations like prevailing wage laws and allowing employers to pay wages and benefits determined by the free market is a win-win for taxpayers and minority businesses. The solution to underemployment and unemployment in the African American community is free enterprise and entrepreneurship. Government-mandated PLAs and prevailing wage laws undermine both cornerstones and harm nonunion African American firms and construction workers disproportionately and will lead to less economic development and prosperity in the Commonwealth.

We look forward to continuing a dialogue on government-mandated PLAs, prevailing wage and other issues that affect NBCC members. Please have your staff contact this office if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Harry C. Alford President/CEO

cc: NBCC Board Members Virginia Senate Leadership Virginia House of Delegates Leadership

Obsequies

Bethina Price

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Bethina Price were held on February 29, 2020, at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Slaton.

Interment followed at the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bethina was born to Enos Lockett, Sr. and Mozell Jackson on September 7, 1937 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memory; five daughters, Brenda Price, Joyce Briley, Reba Price, Beverly Newman, and Reatha Ashley; two sons, Troy Lockett



and Verdell Price, Jr.; one sister, Marsha Neil; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Wanda Fay Porter

Funeral services for Wanda Fay Porter were held on Saturday morning, March 14, 2020, at the Alexander Chapel C.O.G.I.C.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was a faithful member of Church of the Living God. Wanda was born September 16, 1940 to Sol Thompson and Katherine Jarmon in Lubbock, Texas.

Wanda leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Demonica Embrey and Letitica Smith; 3



sons: Alton Porter, Jr., Mark (Linda) Porter, and Carlin (Allethea) Porter; 1 sister, Lena Jackson; special friend, Daniel Robinson; 14 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Leonard Lee Saunders

Funeral services for Leonard Lee Saunders on Saturday afternoon, February 29, 2020, at Second Baptist Church.

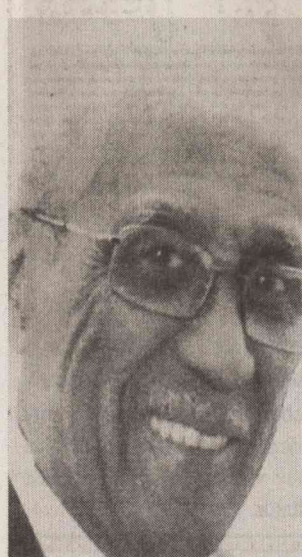
Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Leonard, age 93 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020.

He was born April 19, 1926 in Roanoke, Virginia to Samuel Saunders, Sr. and Nellie Grace (Moore) Saunders.

He enlisted in the US Navy and served during WW II as Seaman First Class V6 USNR SV and received an honorable discharge. He participated in the March on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was very proud to witness in the advancement of people of color during the movement from segregation to integration.

He continued being a hard working participant against injustices for all people regardless of race, color, or creed. He served on many committees in



Baltimore City, State of Maryland, and on the national levels: NAACP, AARP, BCCPTA, Hanlon Improvement Association, Coppin State College Institute on Human Relations and Inter group Education and NW Police Council.

Leonard leaves to mourn his son-in-law and caregiver: James Pritchett, his daughter, Cheryl; a host of other relatives and friends.

Gary Wayne "Cookie Monster" Price

Funeral services were held for Gary Wayne "Cookie Monster" Price on Saturday morning, March 7, 2020, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Gary, 63 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2020.

Gary was born July 8, 1956 to the parentage of James, Sr. and Janie Price in Lubbock, Texas.

Gary attended Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Estacado High School where he excelled in many school activities. After high school, he attended Texas Tech University on a full track scholarship.

He worked at United Parcel Service, Texas Floral, H&R Block, and most recently as a self-employed Business Tax preparer.

He loved football and basketball and, his favorite football



teams were the Pittsburgh Steelers and Raiders.

Gary is preceded in death by his father and mother, three brothers: James Price Jr., Walter Price, and Dennis Price; five aunts, six uncles and his beloved grandmother, Lorene Holmes.

Gary leaves to cherish his memory: seven sisters: Bettye Deary (Richard), Barbara White (Clarence), Dorsita Bates (Eddie), Linda Price, Debra Price, Donna Price and Patrice Price; a host of other relatives and friends.

Ronald "Lil Twin" McNeal

Funeral services held for Ronald "Lil Twin" McNeal on Friday afternoon, February 28, 2020, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Ronald, age 58 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2020.

Ronald was born to Ben Langston and Annie Ruth McNeal November 5, 1961.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his father, Ben Langston (Ford); three sons: Ronald McNeal Jr, Ronald McNeal, and Ronald D. Pollard; six daughters: LaShana Wilkerson, Acacia McNeal, Destiny Hightower, Latasha Pitts, Keke Shepard, and Unisha McNea; three brothers: Rodney McNeal (Tawana); adopted brother,



Contierious Johnson; step brothers: Trent Willis, Van Griggs, David Connor and Dickey; seven sisters: Patricia Griggs, Joyce Griggs, Stephanie Johnson, Mel Martin, BabBab, Kishia Griggs, Yvette Apodoca, and Billie Jean; his grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mary Sue Powell

Funeral services Mary Sue Powell were held on Saturday morning, February 2, 2020, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mary, age 71 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020 at her home after a lengthy illness with cancer.

Mary was born on December 18, 1948 in Lubbock, Texas to Emma Johnson and Clarence Johnson. As a teenager, she was an active member of Alexander Chapel COGIC.

She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1967. Mary was one of the most loving, kindest, and giving people you could ever meet.

She is survived by her par-



ents, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Sanders, Sr; 1 son, Sheldon Powell; 1 brother, Sam Sanders Jr.; 1 very special cousin, Jo Burrell; 2 uncles, Clarence T. Johnson, and James J. Johnson all of Lubbock and a host of relatives and friends.

Georgia (Walton) Palmer



Funeral services were held for Georgia (Walton) Palmer on Saturday afternoon, February 22, 2020, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born in Hearne, Texas to George Ealoms and Rose Wilson June 12, 1943.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her mother, Rose Wilson; four daughters: Mary Walton-Williams, Patricia Walton, Stella Walton, and Annnetette Hutchings; three sons: Felton Walton, Jr., John Walton, and Richard Palmer; three brothers: John Knowles, Tommie Knowles, and Charles Knowles; one sister, Annie Johnson; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Leroy Mitchell, Donald (Bone) Mitchell, Cedrick Roddy, and Trent Roddy; six grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends. *****

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Time Alone Is Time Invested

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

During the past week, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly have been spending quite a bit of time together. I cannot recall any time that we have spent this much time together.

The exception would be when we first got married. Even then, both of us worked during the day and were going to a Bible Institute at night. Occasionally our schedule collided, but rarely.

It was not long before the babies came knocking on our door, and we graciously invited them in. From then on, time alone was a thing of the past.

Life can sometimes get so busy we forget the important things. My wife and I were thinking about this, this past week. If I live until August, my wife and celebrates our 49th wedding anniversary. How quickly time flies! My only problem is, will I have enough energy to celebrate it then?

Why is it that the older you get, the faster time goes, and the less energy you have to keep up?

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had some time to spend together. Everything seemed to shut down, and we had no appointments that we had to get to.

Usually, our conversations revolve around church work and what needs to be done and how we are going to do it.

Since nothing is going on, we had an excellent opportunity to spend time together talking about things not involving work. That is quite a rarity.

We were talking about things that happened years ago, things I had forgotten.

"Do you," my wife said, "remember..."

Then she tells a story about something that happened decades ago. To be honest, I did not remember several of the sto-

ries she was talking about. I smiled and shook my head because she is probably right, and I probably have forgotten something.

This staying at home really does have some good benefits to it. I did not really figure it out until just the other day when we were having lunch together.

Many times our schedule is so busy that we have to grab a bite here and a bite there. Now that we are at home all day, there are some benefits.

I was doing some reading leading up to lunchtime, not thinking about lunch at all. Then the table was set and lunch was prepared. I had forgotten what a marvelous cook she was.

Then there it was on my plate several homemade meatballs surrounded by a pile of homemade Mac & Cheese. The meatballs were exactly the way I like them, and what can I say about the Mac & Cheese?

Everything smelled so delicious and looked so wonderful, I almost forgot to pray for the meal.

When I finished my third serving, I leaned back in my chair and just smiled.

"You know, my dear," I said with the biggest smile I have ever had, "we should eat at home more often. You simply outdid yourself today."

"I thought about what the apostle Paul said once, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

The value of any relationship is determined by the amount I am willing to invest in it.

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Shirley Ann Roddy

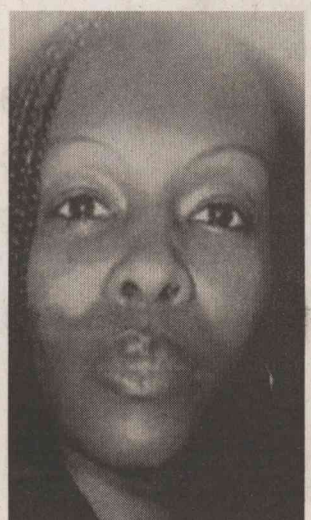
Funeral services for Shirley Ann Roddy were held on Tuesday afternoon, March 10, 2020, at the Bacon Heights Baptist Church.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Shirley, age 53 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, March 2, 2020.

Shirley was born August 28, 1966 to Shirley Mitchell and John Roddy.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory: an aunt, Chris Carrington; an uncle, Wiley Carrington; daughter, Heaven Roddy; two sons, Kendrick (Sherry) Roddy and Kip (Shawanna) Roddy; ten sisters: Delores Adams, Wanda Mitchell, Glenda Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Katie Mitchell, Loretta Green, Janet Love, Tomeka Roddy, Deidra Roddy, and Linda Roddy; ten brothers: John Roddy, Robert Roddy, Gregory Roddy, Ray Dale Roddy, Craig Mitchell, Bobby Mitchell,



"While all of us need to be a better person, still, it's Jesus Christ the Saviour from sin that can make us such, and only Jesus."

More Obituaries:

Joseph Mark Johnson

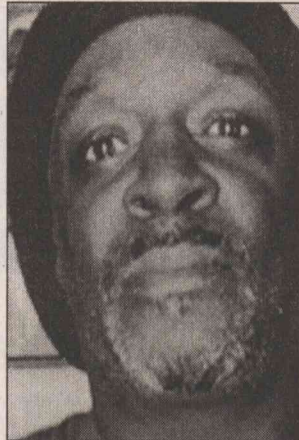
Funeral services for Joseph Mark Johnson were held on Thursday afternoon, February 27, 2020, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Adna Bean, officiating.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

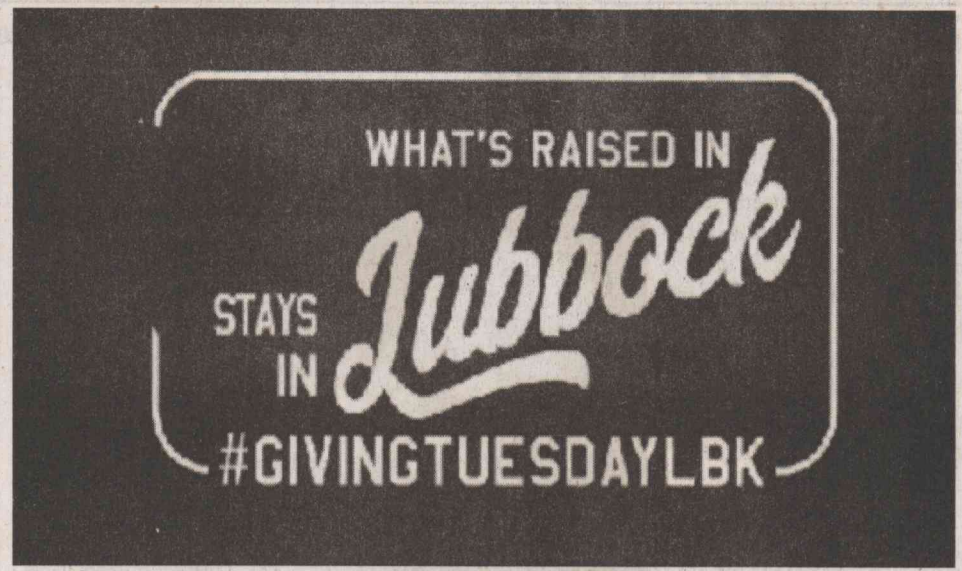
Joseph was born May 29, 1963 to James and Marie Johnson in Lorenzo, Texas. He graduated from Frenship High

School. He was a true Dalas Cowboy fan.

He leaves to cherish is memory; his wife, Sandra Johnson; mother, Marie Johnson; four daughters, Tiffany Johnson, Marie Johnson, Cassandra Johnson, and Kiesha Johnson; four sons, Undre Baker, Mark Johnson, Artist White, and Roy Johnson; three sisters, Barbara Sterling, Jacqueline King, and Sherie Johnson; five brothers, James Johnson, Jr., Richard Johnson, Kenneth Johnson,



Robert Johnson, Sr., and Tommy Johnson; 34 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



LBK ROOTS HISTORICAL ARTS COUNCIL

We are raising money for many reasons. One of the main reasons is to help sustain the **CAVIEL MUSEUM** that is a part of the **LBK ROOTS Council**. The roof of the museum has leaks that need to be fixed as soon as possible. Second, the museum needs ceiling fans to help keep the air circulating due to the fact that the building is fifty years old plus some years. Next, a marquee is needed to communicate to the public about the different events that are going on currently and in the future at the museum and other events with **LBK ROOTS**. These are just a few needs that are severely needed at the **CAVIEL MUSEUM**. Your donations, service and gifts will be highly appreciated by the entire **ROOTS** board. If there are any concerns or questions concerning any of the mentioned needs, please get in contact with us.

The **CAVIEL MUSEUM** has been in operation for about seven years. It has been a part of the **FIRST FRIDAY ART TRAIL** for almost two years. We have had many local and distant artists to exhibit mixed mediums and to participate and appreciate the enjoyment of sharing the variety of arts with the community and educational institutions. Our mission is to educate the community about the contributions the African Americans have given to West Texas and Lubbock, TX.

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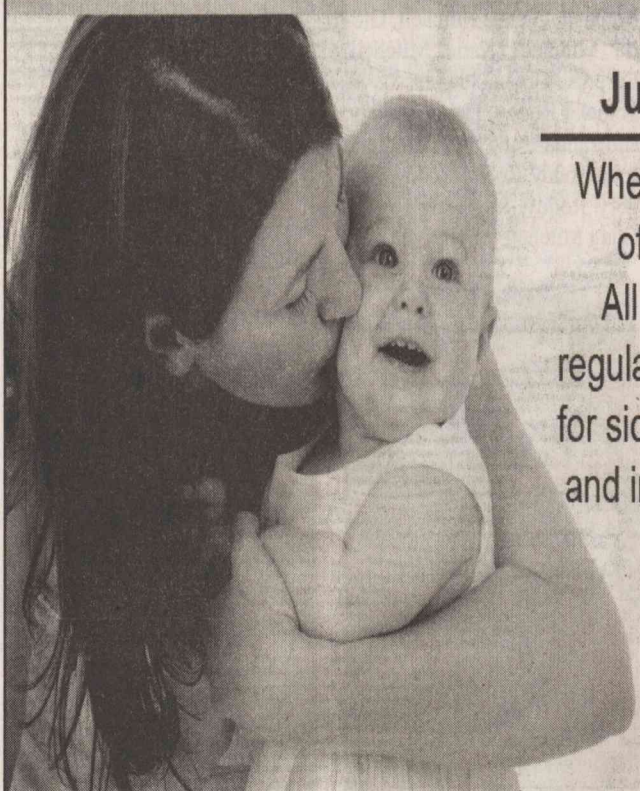
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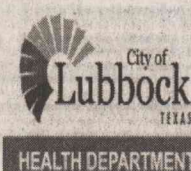


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Completing the 2020 Census will directly affect funding for our community:

Health Clinics Schools
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Transportation Services

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For more information on the 2020 Census, or to get involved in our local efforts, please visit:


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In doing so, we all ensure LUBBOCK COUNTY COUNTS!!

Dwight McDonald,
 Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law


CENSUS 2020:

It is Important that Everyone in Lubbock County be Counted



UMC Health System is committed to supporting our *diverse business community*. If you think your business *qualifies* for the state's Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program, we encourage you to visit comptroller.texas.gov to register. UMC routinely reviews this list for *purchasing opportunities*.

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To qualify you must live in Lubbock County and meet income eligibility requirements

# Persons in Household	Max. Household Income
1	\$19,140
2	\$25,860
3	\$32,580
4	\$39,300
5	\$46,020
6	\$52,740
7	\$59,460
8	\$66,180

For more information, and to see if you qualify, Please contact:
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2020

ELECTION DAY RESCHEDULED
 The City of Lubbock and The Lubbock I.S.D. School Board Elections have been rescheduled to a later date:
Election Day Cancellation: May 2, 2020

Rescheduled Date: November 3, 2020
Early Voting Will Begin: 10/19/20
Early Voting Will End: 10/30/20



This decision was implemented by Governor Greg Abbott, Lubbock City Council and Lubbock I.S.D. Board of Trustees
Note: Election Candidacy Remains Closed
 For more information, please visit the *City of Lubbock Website*

Need help paying your
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