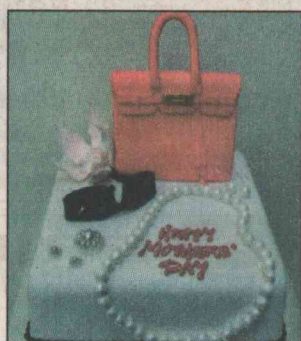
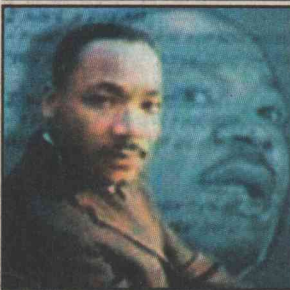




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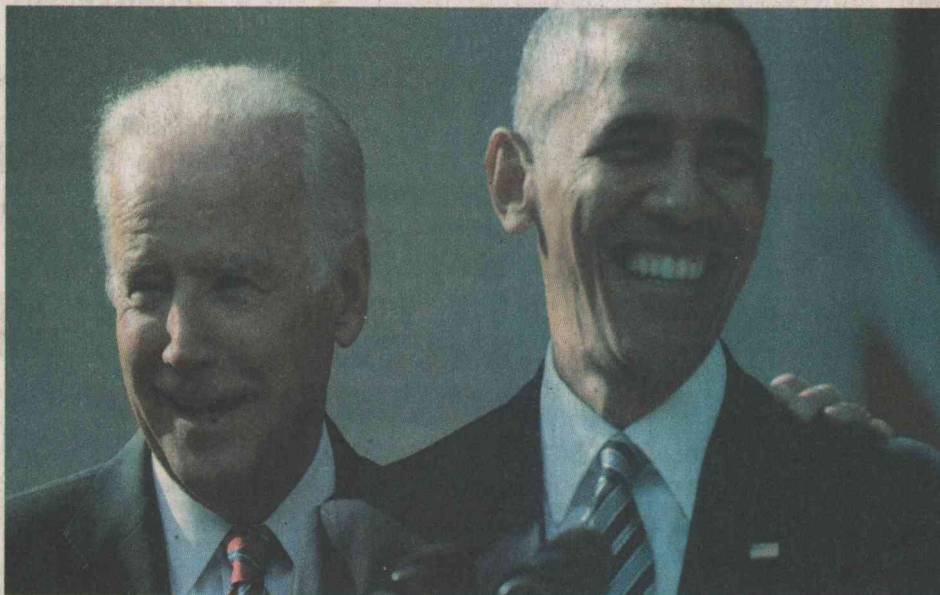
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## Obama Endorses Biden



Joe Biden & Barack Obama

Former President Barack Obama officially endorsed his former vice president, Joe Biden, on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, marking the Democratic establishment's formal consolidation around the party's presumptive presidential nominee. **Continue on Page 4**

## A 13-Year-Old Boy Is Using 3D Printer To Make Masks To Donate

A 13-year-old Virginia boy is using his parents' 3D printer to create masks to donate, reports ABC television affiliate WJLA.

Charles Randolph, like most kids, is trying his best to stay active while being confined to the house as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Many young people are just trying to adjust with transitioning to online learning while also dealing with their new teachers a.k.a parents. Charles is no different, but with everything going on, the teen came across an opportunity to do more than play games and complete online class work while away from school.

The teen's great uncle needs a heart transplant and with the coronavirus spreading, Charles began to think about the fact that his uncle might need a mask since he's considered high risk.

Masks and other supplies like gloves are scarce during this time, many people are finding it difficult to locate one, especially

one that has a complex filtration system to keep the virus out. So Charles decided to do something about it.

"My mom has me on a super strict schedule. It's not the best thing in the world but, two hours of homework every day, don't enjoy that often, but you know. I saw in the news that high-risk patients [are] people with existing diseases like heart problems and asthma, I thought this would help him," he said.

This, meaning the masks Charles began creating with his parents' 3D printer. He first learned about 3D technology when he was younger and up until this point, only used the device to make toys and other small items using a template he gathered off of a website.

"My dad and mom signed me up for enrichment classes when I was younger. You use a slicer which takes the product that you got off Thingiverse and it turns it into code that the 3D printer

can read. This is the first real, useful thing that I've made. It may not be 100 percent of a filtration system but it works," Charles said.

The entire process costs him about a dollar per mask and takes just 90 minutes to make. While the mask wouldn't be useful for doctors or nurses with direct exposure daily, for the everyday person, it is extremely helpful.

Charles is donating the masks to anyone who may need them, being sure to send one to his uncle first. The teen says he feels good about his creation and hopes he can continue to be helpful and utilize his resources.

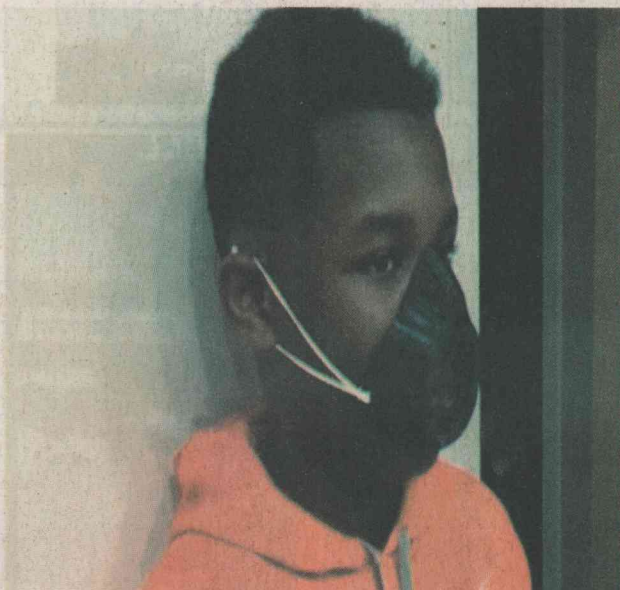
"I feel pretty good. I'm pretty quiet, chill. Yeah, I feel pretty good about this. I'm just waiting for another idea to pop up in my head," Charles said.

Thank you Charles for everything you're doing. We can't wait to see what you create next.

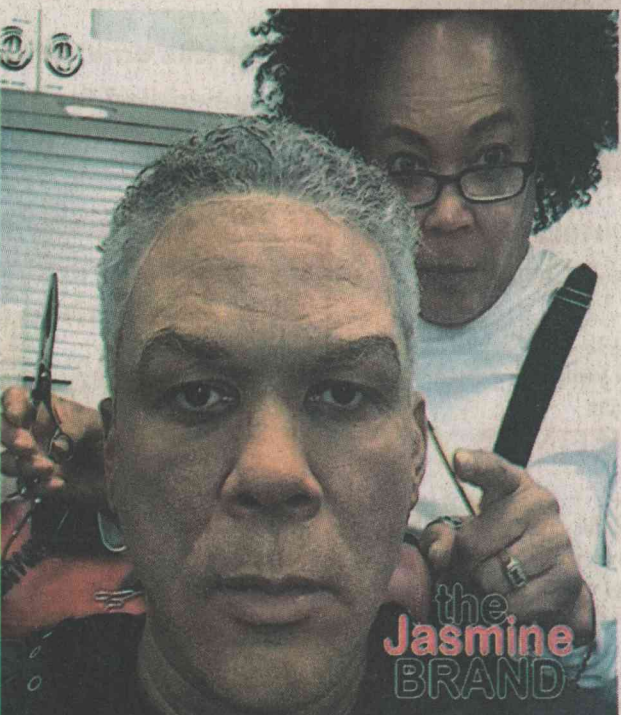
Charles Randolph with one of the face masks he has made on a 3-D printer. Photo Courtesy of WJLA.

The Southwest Digest was glad to have received this news story where a young Black American utilized his talent to some others he did not know. He only wanted to utilize the talent he had and paid the expense out of his own pocket

This young Black American is an example of those in the community who are concerned about helping those in the community who needs help!



## Tyler Perry's Crew Member Dies From Coronavirus, Director Pleads To Black People: I Love Us Too Much To Watch Us Die



Media Mogul, Tyler Perry is the latest celebrity to speak succinctly to black folks about the seriousness of COVID-19 and the importance of adhering to the quarantine after losing a long time Crew Member, Mr. Charles Gregory, to the virus.

"Dear Black People, while everyone can contract this virus it is black people who are dying from it in much larger numbers. This thing is real, black people."

Perry, 50, is referring the shocking statistics that show African Americans making up as little as 1/3 of the population, while the death toll accounts for double and close to triple, in some states.

"Now listen to me. You have been right by my side since I

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## Rev. Joseph E. Lowery Was a Drum Major for Environmental Justice



Rev. Joseph E. Lowery

By Felicia M. Davis - As I say farewell to our beloved leader, spiritual and intellectual guide and personal mentor, reflections upon the many lessons that Dr. Joseph E. Lowery taught informs my perspective on virtually everything. We know that he would admonish us to listen to the experts about COVID19 but he would also trust God and he definitely was never one for social distancing. He loved people and he was surrounded by an eclectic mix of humanity that loved him back.

Dr. Lowery would definitely approve of a homegoing in the month associated with caring for the earth and on a day that is so tragically associated with the Civil Rights Movement that he dedicated his life to; the assassination of his close associate, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In addition to his lifelong fight for voting rights, social and economic justice, Dr. Lowery was a Drum Major for Environmental Justice. When environmental issues appeared low on the Black agenda, Dr. Lowery reminded us of his work in North Carolina where he laid down in front of trucks to stop the dumping of poisonous PCB contaminated soil in poor predominantly black Warren County. This action ignited the environmental justice movement as the newest wing of the civil rights movement.

Dr. Lowery was the first national civil rights leader to elevate climate change and air pollution on the Black agenda. He anchored the trailblazing "Air of Injustice Report" forging

a coalition that included the Black Leadership Forum, Southern Organizing Committee for Social and Economic Justice and the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda together with mainstream environmental advocates Clear the Air and Clean Air Task Force.

Dr. Lowery was a gifted orator and prophetic preacher able to lift even the most vulnerable with messages of love and respect often more consequential than social services. He worked tirelessly to advance human rights, justice and equality. He also spoke passionately about the biblical responsibility to care for God's Creation including delivering an environmental sermon at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

Dr. Lowery considered environmental stewardship to be a moral responsibility and he warned that, "We have deserted the good spouse of spirituality. We're shacking up. We're carrying on an illicit affair with the prostitute of materialism and greed. That's an incestuous affair, and it has produced offspring with congenital defects: violence, corruption, exploitation, racism, sexism. All of these are products of materialism and greed."

The environmental movement owes a tremendous debt to Dr. Lowery for advancing equity, justice and inclusion not to mention elevating the conversation to the spiritual plane. We honor his legacy by doing the work, always remembering that "love embraces justice."

## Eddie K. Harris Named Vice Chair Planning & Zoning Commission

A Lubbock man, Eddie Karl Harris, is very excited about being placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2015, and recently was chosen

started in this business, so please hear me with your heart. I LOVE US. I love our humor. I love our culture. I love our hair. I love our skin. I love everything about who we are. All of us. And I love us all too much to watch us die on the vine because we are the last to know and we are not taking this pandemic seriously."

For those who need more coaxing, Perry concludes his open letter by backing into his message from a different angle:

"STAY HOME!! Socially distance yourself and stay alive! If you won't do it for yourself, do it for someone you love, and for those who love you."



Eddie K. Harris

to serve as Vice Chair of this Commission.


If you ask him how he feels about being chosen to serve, he'd give you several reasons why he wanted to serve. They are:

In this position as Vice-Chair for the remaining year, he would **Continue on Page 4**



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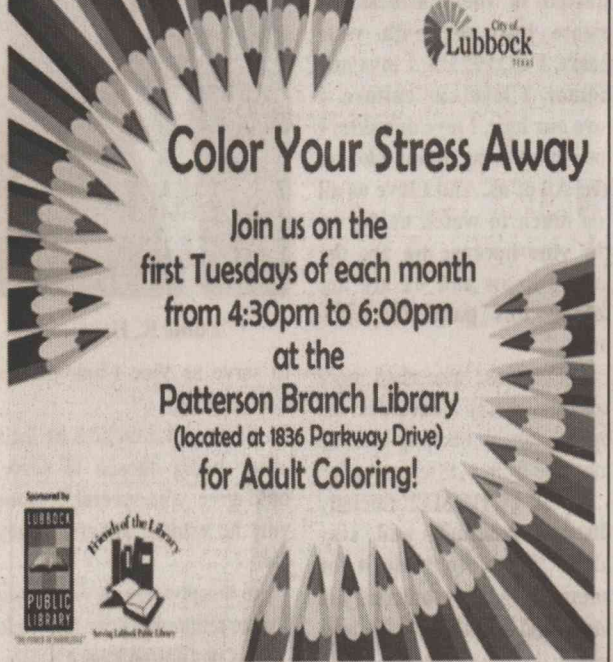
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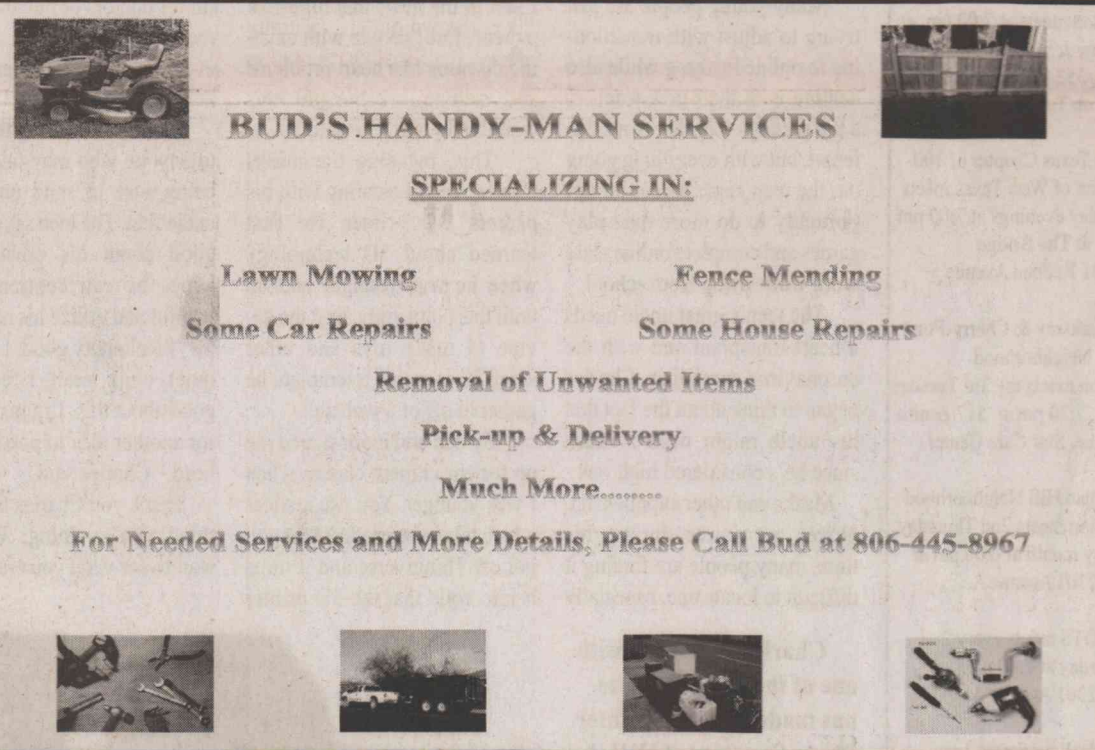
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## IF WE MUST STAY AT HOME

I am a senior citizen and so are most of my close friends. I received a note from a 93 year old friend who asked me to put this note in the paper when I write my weekly article. It makes a lot of sense for all of us who must stay at home, and the rule of state, county and city IS to STAY AT HOME unless you are an essential worker who MUST leave home to work. Very few of us need to leave home now except for a visit to a store for essential items needed in our homes while we are on semi-lock-down. Of course, the senior citizens in senior living communities especially assisted living ARE ON LOCKDOWN. The note stated:

**Great-grandmothers and Fathers, Grandmothers and Fathers, Mothers and Fathers and all others who HAVE to stay at home, I am asking, I am pleading with you to hit the floor running! I don't mean running, I mean WALKING!**

It is imperative that we beat this virus and the way to do it is by walking. It strengthens the immune system. I am a 93 year old who gets up early by force of habit. It would be nice if you were ready by 8 o'clock a.m. to walk with me. Listen, I am not coming to your house and I do not want you coming to mine! We both must walk in all the rooms and closets in our own house for 30 minutes every day.

It does not matter where you walk or what time you walk but walk you must! We owe it to ourselves to be here when the virus pandemic is over.

You may want to walk up and down your street. The thing is, WALK! It takes me 30 minutes to make the

rounds at my house. I haven't been outdoors yet but it surely looks good out there. I'd love to see a picture of you walking. We are going to win this fight if it kills us and it will if we do not take matters into our own hands!

(Opal Lee)

I felt the merit in this missive and for that reason; I have included it as the main topic of this article, this week. Though it is said that old people are the most likely to succumb to the virus, young people are dying as well and it appears that people of color are more susceptible than anyone else. Therefore, all of us need to get 'in cinque' and take whatever precautions are needed to stay virus free and enjoy the fruits of the Risen Lord, EASTER!



## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

### Black People are Dying, and They are Killing Black Business

Black people are dying at an alarming rate from complications stemming from COVID-19. Black people are dying at a higher rate.

14 Black People are dead in Washington, DC of COVID-19 related deaths according to NBCWashington.com. As of Friday morning, (March 3) Blacks made up almost half of Milwaukee County's 945 cases and 81% of its 27 deaths in a county whose population is 26% Black, according to propublica.org.

In Michigan, Blacks have made up 40% of deaths but the Black population is only 14%. During New York State's briefing today, government representatives declined to give deaths by race citing the necessity to get the figures from the coroner. Black people are refusing to wear masks and refusing to follow the government's order of social distancing due to historic interactions with government. But we won't blame the victims. Historical racism has created an environment of health crisis for the Black population including hypertension, heart disease and diabetes.

The fish market in DC, The Wharf, was closed due to hundreds of mainly Black people patronizing the establishments for not practicing social distancing.

So, what else is dying in the Black communities? Black businesses.

The government's handling of CARES Act (Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) reminds us of Hurricane Katrina in terms of Black business survival. The first thing that is thrown out are federally mandated Black participation

# THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

**IT'S AMAZING WHEN WE HEAR CITIZENS OF LUBBOCK TALK ABOUT POSITIVE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN EASTERN LUBBOCK!!**

It's great to hear citizens who live in Eastern Lubbock talk about the Positive Programs taking place in Eastern Lubbock. The are talking about the new constructions of new homes in this area.

Several years ago, there were many citizens who live in Lubbock talking about the negative things happening in Eastern Lubbock.

But today, **THIS N THAT** is hearing about the positive programs they hear about Eastern Lubbock. If you have an oppor-

tunity to drive around Eastern Lubbock and take a positive view of this area, ones view of what's really in this area would change for the better.

If you would drive in the area of Estacado High School, you'd be amazed of what one would see in the new development of new homes being constructed. It brings back memories when this didn't exist, but now we are pleased to see what's taken place.

There's no question about it, yes, this part of Lubbock has come a long ways, but we still have a long ways to go. **THIS N THAT** has learned over the years if you don't advise what has been done or pass this information to those who can help your effort, then you will remain

where you are.

**THIS N THAT** would like to advise the **LUBBOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** to come and take a view of this area of Lubbock. Not only invite the **LUBBOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, what about inviting the **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL** to come and see what is happening in Eastern Lubbock. **THIS N THAT** has always been taught if you don't ask for any assistance or resources, then you'll never reach the goals you may have in mind.

**THIS N THAT**, with the help of some of you, would like to sit down and talk about opportunities for the growth of Eastern Lubbock. Are there any of you who are interested?? Hope so!!

goals. You have the inflated no bid contract so now how do you make the most money from it? Get the Affirmative Action laws, Executive Order 11246, waived so that you don't have this inclusion thing and equal opportunity in your way. Rake off as much profit from the top as you can and deliver in the cheapest manner available. This is no good. So here we go! Look at this March 17, 2020 memo from the Department of Labor (bold added by us) to:

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administration of the authorities enforced by OFCCP. 41 CFR 60-1.5(b)(1), 60-300.4(b)(1), and 60-741.4(b)(1). The exemption and waivers granted herein relate to obligations under EO 11246, Section 503, and VEVRAA. Federal contracting agencies may utilize the following equal opportunity clauses in covered contracts entered into specifically to provide Coronavirus relief. Accordingly, the EEO clauses in FAR sections may be modified as follows: As a preamble to the insertion of 52.222-26: Notice: The following terms of this clause are waived for this contract: subparagraph (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(5)(ii), (c)(6), (c)(8), and the phrase "on-site compliance evaluations and" in (c)(9). As a preamble to the insertion of 52.222.35: In short, this exemption and waiver extends to all affirmative action obligations of

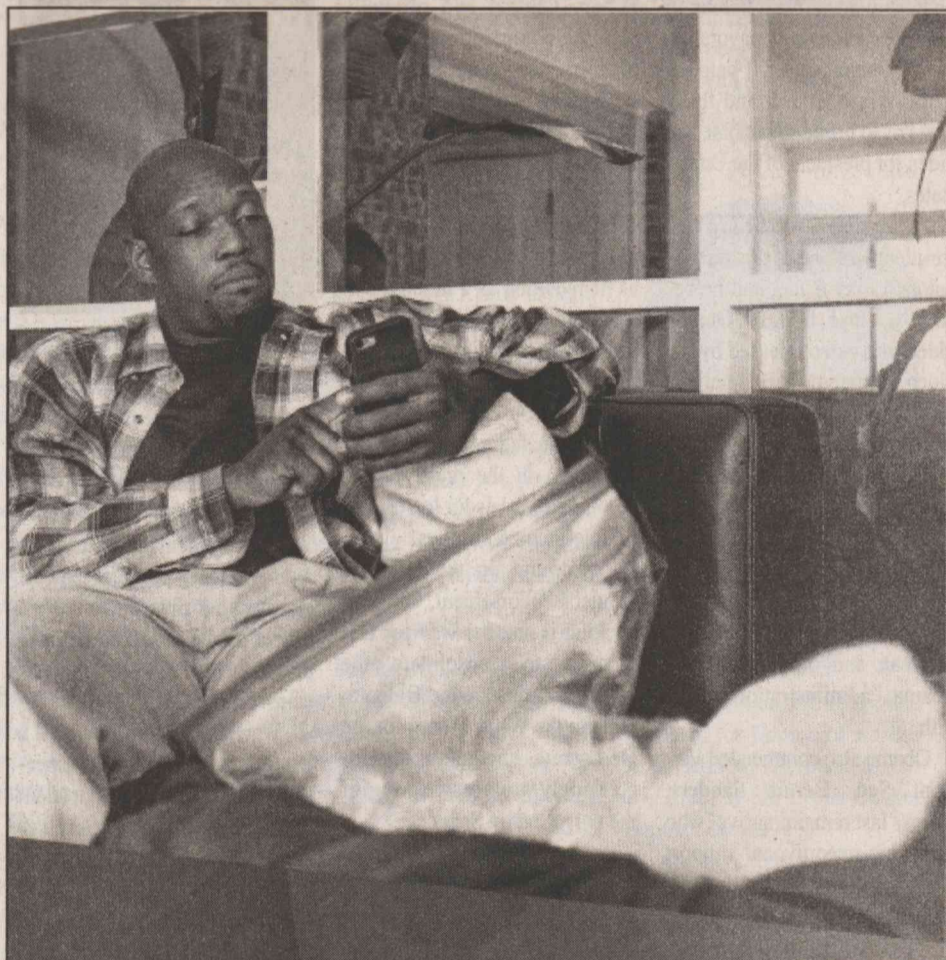
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# We Thank God for Jesus

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**Revelation 2:11a** -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear **Revelation 2:7a**, Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

**Jonah 1:1a-2**, -- NOW the word of the Lord came unto Jonah, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

**BUT YOU KNOW THAT STORY JONAH DIDN'T WANT TO GO; HE WANTED TO GO TO TAR'SHISH; IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. THERE WAS MORE THAN SIX SCORE THOUSAND PEOPLE; IN THAT CITY WHO DIDN'T KNOW THEIR RIGHT HAND FROM THEIR LEFT HAND (CRAZY PEOPLE)!!!**

**YOU KNOW THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE AMERICA; AND THE WHOLE WORLD; A BUNCH OF CRAZY PEOPLE; WHO KNOW NOT GOD!!!**

What the Spirit said unto the churches.

**Matthew 28:18-20** -- Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, look, I am with you always, even

unto the end of the world.

**BUT THE CHURCH DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT; THEY WANTED TO GO; BUT TO TEACH CIVIL RIGHTS; EQUAL RIGHTS; AND HUMAN RIGHTS; GIVING MANKIND; THE RIGHTS TO DO ALL THAT WHICH IS WRONG!!!**

**\*\*\*FOLLOWING A DREAM; NOW IT'S A NIGHTMARE!!!\*\*\***

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

**Proverb 12:15** - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that listen unto counsel is wise.

**BUT THE CHURCHES DIDN'T GO; AS JESUS TOLD THEM TO DO. THEY WANTED THE PEOPLE'S MONEY AND THEIR GOLD; NOT GIVING A DAMN; ABOUT LOST PEOPLE'S SOULS!!!**

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**Revelation 2:29a** -- Jesus

said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

**Revelation 2:4,5** -- Jesus said, Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. Remember therefore from whence you had fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.

**AND WHEN THE CHURCHES DIDN'T GO; AND DO THE LORD'S WILL. GOD USED THE EVANGELIST CORONA-AVIRIS; TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD; THAT MANKIND MAY HEAR HIS VOICE; AND TO REPENT; EVEN THE ATHEIST; THEY'RE NOW CALLING ON THE NAME OF ALMIGHTY GOD!!!**

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

**II Chronicles 7:14** -- The Lord said, If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

## At Jackie Robinson Ballpark, possible loss of a pro team looms over day honoring its namesake



Jackie Robinson broke the Major League Baseball color barrier on April 15, 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers HARRY HARRIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS.

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Major League Baseball will honor the legacy of the integration of its sport with the annual Jackie Robinson Day. Normally it features tributes at baseball parks and all pro players wearing Robinson's No. 42, but this year it will be recognized on MLB's online platforms because of the coronavirus pandemic.

But a key piece of that legacy is at risk of being dishonored if MLB's minor-league contraction plan is adopted.

The Daytona Tortugas of the high Class A Florida State League play at Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona Beach, Fla. The ballpark, just two years younger than 108-year-old Fenway Park, happens to be the site where Robinson first broke baseball's color barrier, in a minor-league game on March 17, 1946.

Jack Roosevelt Robinson (January 31, 1919 - October 24, 1972) was an American professional baseball player who became the first African American to play in Major League Baseball (MLB) in the modern era.[1] Robinson broke the baseball color line when he started at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947.[2] When the Dodgers signed Robinson, they heralded the end of racial segregation in professional baseball that had relegated black players to the Negro leagues since the 1880s.[3] Robinson was inducted into the

Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.[4]

During his 10-year MLB career, Robinson won the inaugural Rookie of the Year Award in 1947, was an All-Star for six consecutive seasons from 1949 through 1954, and won the National League Most Valuable Player Award in 1949—the first black player so honored.[5][6] Robinson played in six World Series and contributed to the Dodgers' 1955 World Series championship.

In 1997, MLB retired his uniform number 42 across all major league teams; he was the first professional athlete in any sport to be so honored. MLB also adopted a new annual tradition, "Jackie Robinson Day", for the first time on April 15, 2004, on which every player on every team wears No. 42.

Robinson's character, his use of nonviolence, and his unquestionable talent challenged the traditional basis of segregation that had then marked many other aspects of American life. He influenced the culture of and contributed significantly to the civil rights movement.[7][8] Robinson also was the first black television analyst in MLB and the first black vice president of a major American corporation, Chock full o'Nuts. In the 1960s, he helped establish the Freedom National Bank, an African-American-owned financial institution based in Harlem, New York. After his death in 1972, Robinson was posthumously

awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his achievements on and off the field.

Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born on January 31, 1919, into a family of sharecroppers in Cairo, Georgia. He was the youngest of five children born to Mallie (McGriff) and Jerry Robinson, after siblings Edgar, Frank, Matthew (nicknamed "Mack"), and Willa Mae.[9][10][11] His middle name was in honor of former President Theodore Roosevelt, who died 25 days before Robinson was born.[12][13] After Robinson's father left the family in 1920, they moved to Pasadena, California.

The extended Robinson family established itself on a residential plot containing two small houses at 121 Pepper Street in Pasadena. Robinson's mother worked various odd jobs to support the family.[17] Growing up in relative poverty in an otherwise affluent community, Robinson and his minority friends were excluded from many recreational opportunities.[18] As a result, Robinson joined a neighborhood gang, but his friend Carl Anderson persuaded him to abandon it.

In 1935, Robinson graduated from Washington Junior High School and enrolled at John Muir High School (Muir Tech).[21] Recognizing his athletic talents, Robinson's older brothers Mack (himself an accomplished athlete and silver medalist at the 1936 Summer Olympics)[20] and Frank inspired Jackie to pursue his interest in sports.

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like for minorities to become more aware of the procedure of how the great City of Lubbock operates.

As he stressed in the last meeting, he made known the following:

1 - Everyone needs to take part in the Lubbock 101 class held each year.

In that way, as a volunteer, one can see the whole make up of our great city and how it operates.

2 - I would like to see more African Americans involved in the Office of the City positions. So that a presence and possible voice can be seen.

3 - In this position like this current board is, we do need experienced volunteers such as contractors and bankers.

4 - As cases come before our board that can benefit East and North Lubbock, I will do my best to stand for those who can't stand for themselves.

I was informed in December that my term is up this December 2020, which will be (5) five years and (4) four months instead of 6 years.

Harris is the State Approved Instructor of the Harris DWI/Youth Education Program Texas since 2010. Currently scheduling both Adults & Minors Educational Curriculum Prevention Rehabilitation, & Re-Integration in Lubbock, Texas and surrounding counties.

**Joe Biden's running mate search moves into high gear amid conflicting demands**

As Joe Biden begins his search for a running mate, it seems everyone has an opinion about what kind of woman he should pick. But the kibitzers may be talking past him.

They argue his vice president should be an African American. Or a Midwesterner. A leftist. Someone with the youth and pizzazz Biden lacks.

Biden, however, has made it clear that he's starting with more basic concerns: He wants a running mate who is ready to step into the role of president on a moment's notice. He wants someone who is "simpatico," someone he is comfortable with.

He is, in short, thinking more about whom he'd like to run the country with than about the short-term political benefits of a running mate's race, ideology or regional ties.

Even so, with so much on the line in 2020, and the prospect of a close election with President Trump, Biden is being buffeted by conflicting pressures.

Some progressives and black supporters worry that Biden will make a cautious choice on par with Hillary Clinton's decision in 2016 to pick a low-key, moderate, white running mate, Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, who critics believed added little political energy to the ticket. Biden has already made one bold political leap by announcing during the final debate of the primary season that he will pick a woman for the No. 2 slot.

**Sen. Elizabeth Warren Finally Endorses Joe Biden**



Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Sen. Elizabeth Warren and nine other Democratic senators called for investigations into the Trump administration's response to the coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday, demanding answers over whether "political expediency" rather than the country's urgent public health needs have driven the administration's decisions.

Warren, D-Mass., penned a letter to the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Wednesday, saying that the Trump administration has been unable to deliver personal protective equipment (PPE) and urgently needed medical supplies throughout the coronavirus crisis. She also accused the administration of creating "confusion and distress among states by seizing equipment orders and providing little transparency about decision-making."

"The Trump administration appears to have made decisions about distributing life-saving supplies based on the electoral concerns of President Trump and his political allies rather than the most urgent public health needs," Warren wrote.

Democratic Sens. Tom Udall, Ed Markey, Kirsten Gillibrand, Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, Kamala Harris, Richard Blumenthal, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Chris Van Hollen joined Warren in her letter.



## Obama Endorses Biden

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Obama framed his endorsement by talking about the leadership he says is required to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. "The kind of leadership that's guided by knowledge and experience, honesty and humility, empathy and grace. That kind of leadership doesn't just belong in our state capitals and mayors' offices," Obama said. "It belongs in the White House, and that's why I'm so proud to endorse Joe Biden for president of the United States.

"Choosing Joe to be my vice president was one of the best decisions I ever made, and he became a close friend," Obama added in a video released by the Biden campaign. "And I believe Joe has all the qualities we need in a president right now."

The former president recalled personal adversity Biden has endured, losing his first wife and two children, as well as Biden's role in governing through the 2009 economic crisis, the Ebola outbreak and other crises the Obama administration dealt with.

Obama also commended Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Biden's last remaining rival who threw his unequivocal support behind the longtime moderate a day earlier.

"Bernie's an American original, a man who has devoted his life to giving voice to working people's hopes, dreams and frustrations. He and I haven't always agreed on everything, but we've always shared a conviction that we have to make America a fairer, more just, more equitable society," Obama said.

"The Democratic Party will have to be bold," he added, arguing that Biden has the "most progressive platform" of any Democratic nominee, even though many progressives who supported Sanders remain skeptical of Biden.

Obama remains an incredibly popular figure among Democrats and had previously declined to publicly discuss potential endorsements in the primary race. Known as a powerful campaigner, Obama's role is crucial for Democrats in the November faceoff against incumbent President Trump.

Biden, who has promoted himself as the candidate most closely aligned with Obama's values, has talked about "my buddy Barack" throughout the

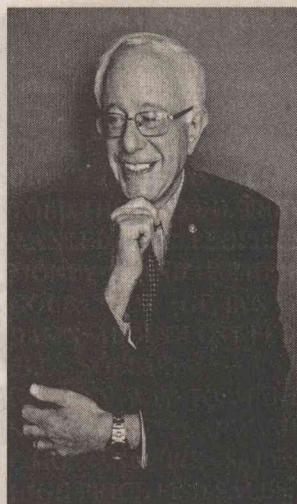
primary campaign but has said he specifically requested his longtime ally not endorse during the primary process.

"I want to earn this on my own," Biden told the CBS News program 60 Minutes in October.

In 2016, Obama waited until Hillary Clinton had officially won the nomination to endorse his former secretary of state.

Biden's race to the top of the once-crowded Democratic field faced a number of complications, with the 77-year-old weathering criticisms about his age and campaign style, as well as his position as a moderate in a party that has seen increasing pressure to move its policies further left. Biden has embraced more ideas championed by Sanders, including forgiving student debt in the midst of the coronavirus crisis for lower- and middle-income families.

Coming on the heels of Sanders' endorsement, Obama's backing is another way for Democrats to consolidate the party's factions around Biden to reclaim the White House for the Democrats, including the increasingly progressive wing of the party, led by Sanders.



Sen. Bernie Sanders





# Obsequies

## Sandra E. (Robinson) Rogers

Celebration of Life Service was held for Sandra E. (Robinson) on Wednesday afternoon, April 15, 2020, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction by Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Sandra, age 62 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Sandra was born to the late Charles and Johnnie Mae Robinson on December 25, 1957 in Morton, Texas.

Sandra attended public schools and graduated from Estacado High School.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her fiancé, Stephen Williams; five sisters: Debra Robinson, Gwendolyn (Eddie) Walker, Rhonda (Harold) Mor-



gan, Marsha Forge, and Vanessa Robinson; two brothers, Daniel Hall and L. V. Hall; god daughter, Velisha Hunt; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Danny Marvel Bunton



Graveside Services were held for Danny Marvel Bunton on Friday afternoon, March 27, 2020, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of the Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock

Danny was born March 5, 1958 to Solomon and Ada Bunton. He was reared in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from Estacado High School. He resided in Lubbock the rest of his life.

Danny is preceded in death by

## Rev. Otis Cooks, Jr.

Celebration of Life Service was held for Rev. Otis Cooks, Jr. on Thursday morning, April 16, 2020, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Cooks, age 88 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Rev. Cooks was born August 5, 1931 to Virgia Jackson and Rev. Otis Cooks, Sr. He was educated in Bastrop, Texas.

He went into the United States Marine Corp in 1957. He was a Korean War Veteran and was a Purple Heart recipient.

In 1965, he married Christine Bland. They were married for 54 years. To this union 3 children were born. They had 6 children.

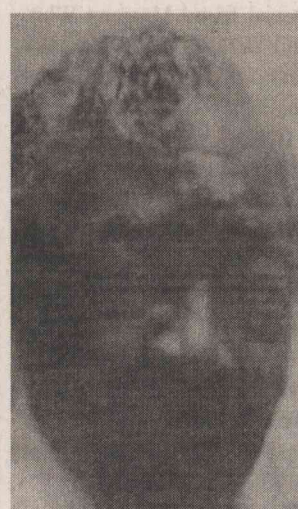
He worked as a Hale County Deputy in Plainview, Texas. He graduated from Wayland Baptist Church University in 2001 with a Bachelor's in Law Enforcement and a Minor in Religion. He worked in the District Attorney's Office for 19 years as the Chaplain and a Grand Jury Bailiff.

He preached and pastored for almost 60 years. He was a member of the Marine Corp League and American Legions. He had a love of church, family, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Solomon and Ada Bunton, one sister, Wanda Bunton Jones, and two brothers, Bobby Bunton and Solomon Bunton.

He united with the New Hope Baptist Church as a child and was baptized. Later in life, he became a member of the Inside Out Baptist Church, where the leader is Pastor Steve Thompson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Corey (Denetia) and Daniell; two sisters, Mary Jo Thomas and Julie Cameron Mincey; Favorite Uncle Jerry Phillips, three special nieces: Mary Howard, Leightha and Kista Jones, and a host of other relatives and friends.



He is preceded in death by his parents: Virgia Jackson, Otis Cooks, Sr., and George Jackson; siblings, Abie Lee and Clyde Jackson, Sr.; son-in-law, Rev. Micheal Kirkwood; and daughter, Peggy Sue Morrison.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Cooks; his daughters, Sheila Morrison and Sharon Kirkwood of Lubbock; sons, Rickey Morrison, Timothy (Lupe) Cooks, and Ronald (Monica) Cooks of Lubbock; a god-sister, Helen Coleman of Floydada; 10 grandchildren, other god children, 13 great grandchildren, other god great grandchildren, 3 great, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, very special cousins; a host of very special friends.

## Sylvia W. McCullough

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Sylvia W. McCullough on Saturday morning, April 18, 2020, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Sylvia, age 57 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Sylvia was born April 5, 1963 to Samuel Stevenson and Wanda Faye Crawford.

She attended Lubbock Independent School District, and graduated from Estacado High School, Class of 1982.

She worked at Lubbock Housing Authority for 24 years.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth McCullough; parents, Clarence Crawford, Booker T. Thomas and Wanda Crawford; three daughters: Tawana Stevenson, LaWanda



McCullough, and Dorothy McCullough; son, Craig Stevenson; sister, Dora Thomas; three brothers: Samuel Stevenson, Williams Stevenson, and Craig Collins; 14 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild; a host of other relatives and friends.

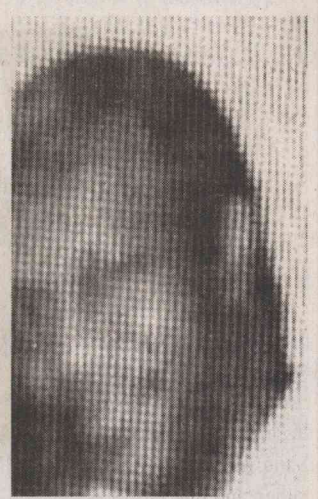
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## Eddie Wayne Givens

A Celebration of Service was held for Eddie Wayne Givens on Friday afternoon, April 3, 2020, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Eddie was born April 3, 1952 to Hazel and Emerson



Young. He leaves to cherish his memory: Peggy (Mark) Green, Judy Judie, Robbie Whitfield, Patricia Daniels, Donna Fay, Donna Kay, Grady Young, Rita Young, Billy Givens, Troy Givens, and David Young; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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.

## Daniel Ed Austin, Jr



A Celebration of Life Service was held for Daniel Ed Austin, Jr. on Saturday afternoon, March 14, 2020, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

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

Daniel, age 74 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2020.

Daniel was born on July 30, 1945 in Memphis, Texas, to the late Daniel Austin Sr. and Emma Terry Austin.

Daniel graduated from Dunbar High School. Immediately after graduation from high school, Daniel was drafted to the U.S. Air Force. His last employment was with the Pat Salmon & Sons Trucking Company, Dallas, Texas.

Daniel leaves to cherish his memories; his wife, Karen Denise Austin; two step-sons, Tayvin Reed and Quintan Willis (Onessa); 2 daughters, Angela Watson and Alyssa Salazar-Austin; 4 sons: Derrick Austin, Reginald Austin (Taunia), Gregory Austin, and Kenneth Kirkwood; twenty-three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.



## Wanda Fay Porter

A Celebration of Service was held for Wanda Fay Porter on Saturday morning, March 14, 2020, at 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 the 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

## "What's Time Got To Do With It"

by Dr. James L. Snyder

After so many weeks, I haven't been able to keep track of them, one day seems just like the other day. Today reminds me of yesterday, and yesterday may be the same as tomorrow. I know I am used to being confused, but I have exceeded my limit on this time aspect.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have been spending all of our time together. We do not go anywhere except sometimes I slip over to the office and come back. Besides that, we are in each other's company, 24/7. Or is it 7/24? I'm not sure anymore.

After being married for so many years (I cannot really remember how many it has been) I have begun to understand a little more about the other resident in our parsonage.

In our house, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all served on a regular schedule. Before this vacation from society, we grabbed lunch whenever we could fit it into our schedule. Lunch was not the schedule but what we were doing at the time. It is quite different today.

Now, the schedule is built around our eating. Since our seclusion, I have eaten breakfast, lunch, and dinner on a very regular basis.

The problem is, it is going to cost me quite a bit. After all of these social shenanigans are over, I am going to have to go and buy new shirts and pants because the ones I have now will not fit.

During these days of social hibernation, time has lost its real significance. It used to be I had a schedule, and I worked to keep that schedule to the very minute. Now, I have no schedule, and I have been keeping it quite strictly.

Just the other day my wife looked at me and said, "It's almost lunchtime. Don't you think you should get dressed and take

off those pajamas?"

Very systematically, and you will not believe this, she meticulously sets the alarm clock so she can get up in the morning at the same time. I only said this once; I learned my lesson, "Why are you setting the alarm clock?"

With one of her stern looks, she said, "Because, somebody has to get up and work!"

She has a regular schedule of getting up in the morning and going to bed at night. That schedule has not changed.

It's a good thing she has this schedule because I wouldn't know what time of day it was if I was not eating lunch at the right time.

Thinking about this, I was reminded of what Solomon once wrote. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time

to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4).

I think Solomon had something here. There is a time for everything and if we do not give everything time, there is going to be a lot of confusion in our life.

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## Ruth Johnson

Private services were held for Ruth Johnson on Wednesday afternoon, April 22, 2020, at the Rising Star Baptist Church with Rev. Hiawatha Culver, Jr., pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Ruth, age 92 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

She was born August 1, 1927 in Dallas, Texas to Ed Sandifer and Sena Sandifer. She was the third girl born to this union.

In November, 1928, her father passed and her mother moved to Mart, Texas to be close to her parents. Ruth completed her education at Anderson High School in Mart. She confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church where she sung in the Junior Choir, and the Glee Club



at school.

After graduating from high school, she moved to Tyler, Texas to enter a two year nursing course, and was employed by the State of Texas for 16 years. She also met and married Carrel Johnson in Tyler, Texas. She attended True Vine Baptist Church.

In 1964, she moved to Dallas. Continue on Page 6

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**Ruth Johnson**

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las, Texas, and was employed by Methodist Hospital. She united with the Aveue Baptist Church. Serving the Lord was the joy of her life.

In Dallas, she took care of her mother until God called her home. In 1968, she and her husband moved to Lubbock, Texas and she joined the Risng Star Baptist Church in 1972 where she served faithfully until her passing. She truly loved her church, her pastors and their

families, and her church family.

She took care of her two sisters, her husband, and her niece, Gwendolyn Finney, for twenty-five years, until they went home to be with God.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved son, Freddie Sandifer; nephew by beloved more like a son, Eddie Carlton (Emma); four grandchildren: Freddie, Jr. (Delani), Tammy and Edwin Sandifer and Megan; great grandchildren, step-daugh-

ter, Sheryl Norton, and niece and nephews; Cousin Billie Caviel; Special friend Margaret Whitfield Darlene. Dale, Mrs. Edwards, Margie and Dr. Pat Smallville.

Her favorite chapter in the Bible was: **I Corinthian 13.**

**If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.**

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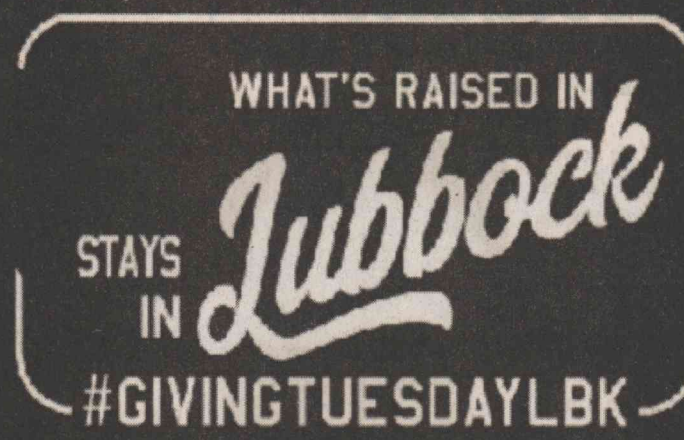
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The **CAVIEL MUSEUM** has been in operation for about seven years. It has been a part of the **FIRST FRIDAY ART TRAIL** for almost two years. We have had many local and distant artists to exhibit mixed mediums and to participate and appreciate the 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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For more information, and to see if you qualify,

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# COVID-19

Drive-thru Clinic – City of Lubbock Health Department

LOCATION: Patterson Library - 1836 Parkway Dr, Lubbock, TX 79403

HOURS: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment

**Testing Criteria:** To be tested you must meet at least one of the following criteria.

- 1** Have signs and symptoms of COVID-19

  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of Breath
- 2** Have been around someone who has COVID-19 such as a member of your household or co-worker
- 3** Are a healthcare worker or work in a facility that cares for high-risk groups such as a retirement or group home.

**How do I make an appointment:** Call the Health Department at 806-775-2933 between 8 am and 5 pm.

**Cost:** No cost. If you have insurance, the Health Department will ask for your insurance information and will bill the insurance carrier. If you do not have insurance, you will not be charged for the testing.



## Heating & Air Conditioning Repair

State funding is available through **Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program** to assist with repairing your **EXISTING** Heating or Cooling unit!

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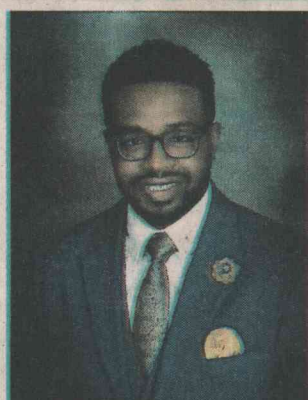
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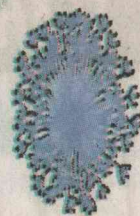
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