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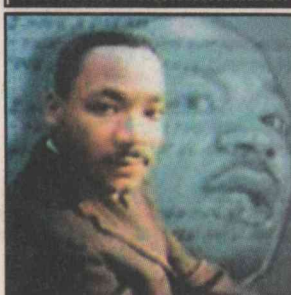
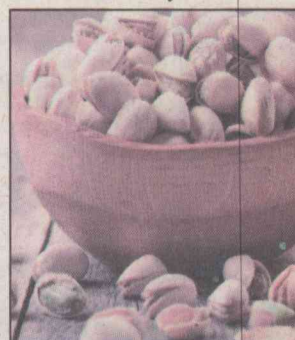
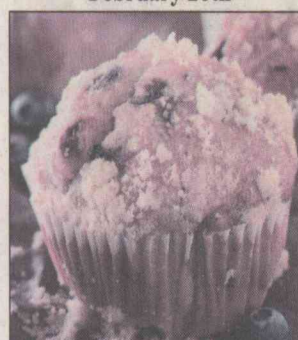
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## Joe Biden was sworn in as the U.S. 46th President and Kamala Harris was sworn in as U.S. Vice President



Biden, Harris and their spouses wave outside the Capitol. Joe Raedle/Getty Images

Joe Biden was sworn in as the United States' 46th president on Wednesday, January 20th and he pledged to be a president for all Americans — even those who did not support his campaign.

"Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: bringing America together, uniting our people, uniting our nation," he said in his inaugural address.

Biden spoke shortly after Kamala Harris made history by becoming the country's firsty fe-

male, first Black and first South Asian vice president. He said this Inauguration Day was a triumph for democracy.

"The will of the people has been heard, and the will of the people has been heeded," Biden said. "We've learned again that democracy is precious. Democracy is fragile. And at this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed."

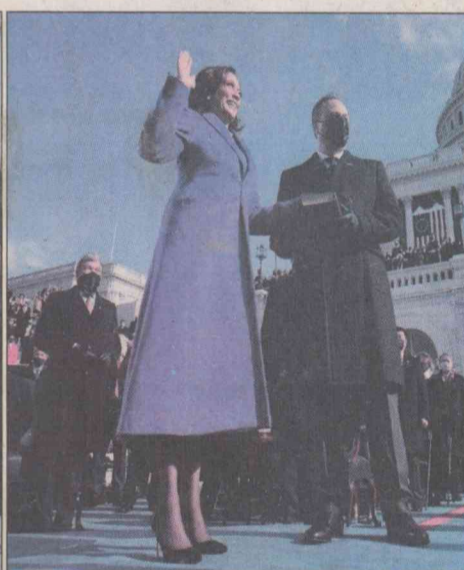
This was a scaled-down inauguration unlike any we've ever

seen.

The celebrations were cut back because of the coronavirus pandemic, and Biden's inaugural committee — trying to keep crowds to a minimum — urged Americans not to travel to Washington, DC. The National Mall was also closed to the general public because of security concerns related to the January 6 storming of the US Capitol.

This was the first time in 150

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## Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman speaks at the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden



Amanda Gorman, the nation's first-ever youth poet laureate, delivered a message of resilience at the inauguration. "We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be: a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free," she said. "We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation because we know our inaction and inertia will become the future." Patrick Semansky/Pool/AP

Amanda Gorman made history Wednesday, January 20th as the youngest known inaugural poet. The 22-year-old Los Angeles resident delivered her poem "The Hill We Climb" at President Joe Biden's inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Ahead of the performance, Gorman spoke about the impact of her poem with "CBS This Morning" and noted how the message changed after the vio-

lent attack on the Capitol. "I wanted it to be a message of hope and unity. And I think that Wednesday for me really just underscored how much that was needed," she said. "But to not turn a blind eye to the cracks that really need to be filled."

In 2017, Gorman became the first National Youth Poet Laureate. The Harvard graduate plans to release a children's

book of poems later this year. Like Mr. Biden, Gorman has struggled with a speech impediment throughout her life, making poetry a "lifeline" for her. Also like Mr. Biden, she has a long-term goal of running for president.

Amanda Gorman is the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history, as well as an award-winning writer and cum laude graduate of Harvard University.

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## General Lloyd J. Austin, III Becomes First Black Defense Secretary in U.S. History

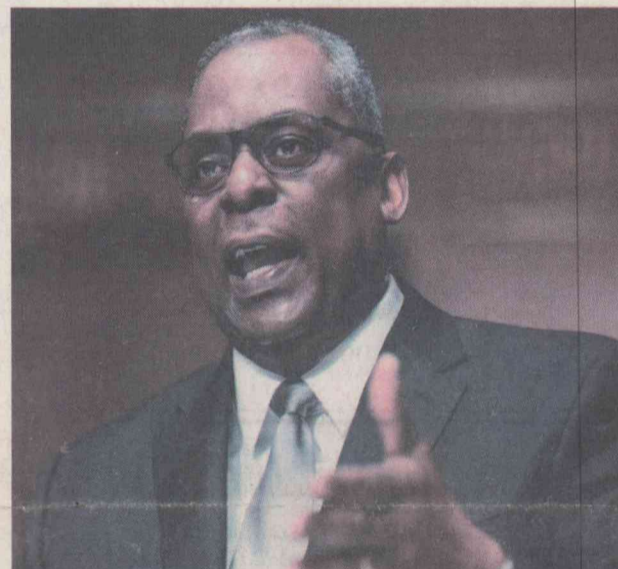
Retired General Lloyd Austin appeared before lawmakers Tuesday and said his first priority if confirmed as the country's next secretary of defense would be to make sure all military resources are brought to bear against the coronavirus pandemic.

"The greatest challenge to our country right now ... is the pandemic," Austin told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, wearing a suit and tie instead of the Army dress uniform he wore when he testified in Congress as the commander of U.S. military forces across the Middle East and

South Asia.

"It's killed over 400,000 of our American citizens. That's just an incredible, incredible loss of life," he said. "We have to do everything we can to break the cycle of transmission and begin to turn this thing around."

Austin did not offer specifics about how he would ramp up the Pentagon's current efforts to distribute the coronavirus vaccines as part of what has been known as Operation Warp Speed. But he said he does believe there is more the Pentagon can do to counter what he described as the "most immediate" national security challenge.



The Senate confirmed Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III as defense secretary in a 93-2 vote, filling a critical national security role in President Biden's cabinet and making him the first Black Pentagon Chief.

Austin spoke shortly after U.S. defense officials announced 12 National Guard troops initially assigned to help provide security for Biden's inauguration Wednesday were removed due to extremist ties. Austin pledged to take on what he called the enemy within.

"The job of the Department of Defense is to keep America safe from our enemies, but we can't do that if some of those enemies

lie with our own ranks," he said. "This [extremism] has no place in the military of the United States of America," Austin added, describing it as part of a broader battle.

"I will fight hard to stamp out sexual assault and to rid our ranks of racists and extremists and to create a climate where everyone fit and willing has the opportunity to serve," he told U.S. lawmakers.




Lady Gaga sings the National Anthem in front of Vice President Mike Pence before Harris and Biden were sworn in.



Katy Perry performs "Fireworks" during the "Celebrating America" special on January 20, 2021.

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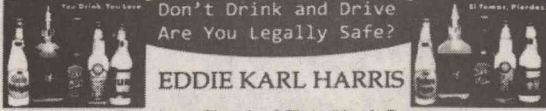
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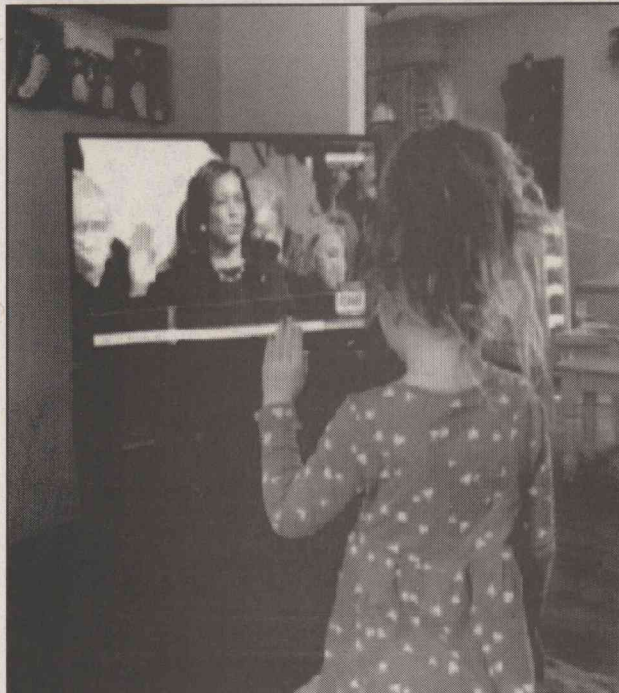
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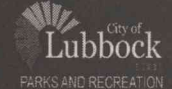
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## “THE HILL WE WILL CLIMB”

The inauguration of the 46th President of the United States of America, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. was a beautiful ceremony in spite of the national guard being on duty to make certain than no further unrest occur on the Capitol Hill, along with the absence of Number 45. The young poet laureate, Amanda Gorman, age 22, absolutely stole the show with her poem, THE HILL WE CLIMB. It was so appropriate.

It appears that the new President definitely has a ‘hill to climb’ and it is going to take the complete four years of a presidential administration and more than likely some more to dig this country out of the mire in which we find ourselves. The mire is seemingly produced by groups of people who have no idea what democracy is and do not understand the spirit or the practice of political, legal and social equality.

Hate has taken the place of Christian beliefs, or any other religion which fosters any form of peace and tolerance. The hate we see takes the form of supremacy rather than equality. The haters are only happy when they are ‘in charge’ of someone else’s happiness. They had a great leader in President Trump who successfully united them to obliterate democracy and the American government. The attack on the capitol with duly elected Congressmen in session

who had to be removed to a place of safety during the attack are not feeling safe on the job any more. It is said that some of them are bearing arms in Congress as the aim of the attack on January 6, 2021 was to assassinate the lawmakers. Fear should not be a part of the lawmaking process, yet, with the second impeachment trial of Donald Trump coming up soon, there may still be something to fear. America and the world know that he SHOULD BE FOUND GUILTY. He skated through the first impeachment trial because of all of the cover-ups which took place during the Mueller Investigation and He has since pardoned the individuals convicted of a crime and especially one who helped him with the idea of overthrowing the government with martial law.

There is Constitutional arguments regarding the second impeachment wherein some lawyers feel that the only purpose of an impeachment is to remove a president from office, therefore the process is unnecessary since Trump is no longer in office. Others think that the impeachment is necessary to make certain that he can never do any more harm when no longer in office. Sensible Americans can understand this. Let us get ‘in cinque’ and pray that the proper action to end this fiasco takes place.

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## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow \*\*\*\*\*

### “Why The Huge Spike In Bitcoin?”

That’s what a friend asked me as Bitcoin reached \$28k for the first time. Below is how I replied.

In 2017, the speculative frenzy was largely driven by retail investors. This year is different because institutions and corporations are adopting Bitcoin. Institutions see Bitcoin’s potential as a global store of value and a hedge against inflation. We are witnessing historic monetary inflation. 24% of all existing dollars were printed in the last 12 months.

The risk/reward profile is attractive to investment heavyweights like Paul Tudor Jones, Stanley Druckenmiller, and corporations like Microstrategy, Square, and MassMutual purchasing and transforming their cash reserves into Bitcoin.

“The Company continues to operate in accordance with its Treasury Reserve Policy and currently holds approximately 70,470 bitcoins,” said Michael J. Saylor, CEO, MicroStrategy Incorporated. “The acquisition of additional bitcoins announced today reaffirms our belief that bitcoin, as the world’s most widely-adopted cryptocurrency, is a dependable store of value.”

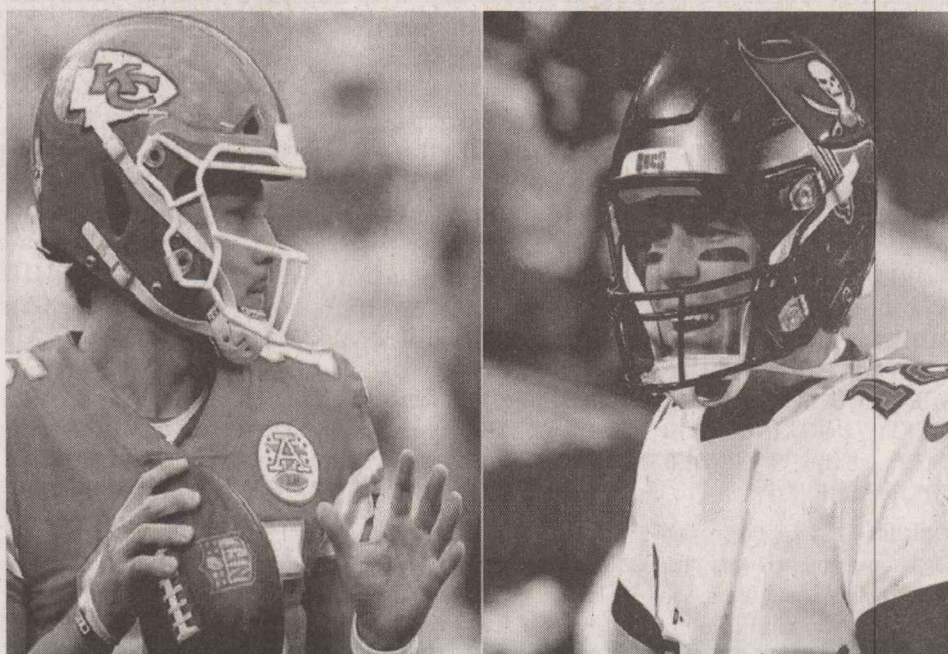
We believe the proactive management of our balance sheet, combined with the improved revenue and profitability performance of the Company, have been significant factors in the recent appreciation in our stock price.”

There have been many Bitcoin imitators like Bitcoin Cash, Bitcoin SV, and Bitcoin Gold. But none can duplicate the monetary energy that flows into the Bitcoin network. Bitcoin is decentralized and hard-capped, with only 21 million that will ever be mined.

# THIS N’ THAT c/o T. J. Patterson, Sr.

## Patrick Mahomes’ Kansas City Chiefs will meet Tom Brady’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Super Bowl LV.

Pictures: Jamie Squire and Stacy Revere



It’s being dubbed the NFL’s version of ‘LeBron v Jordan’. But Patrick Mahomes’ magic should worry Tom Brady.

Patrick Mahomes took three knees, then turned to the faithful who were trying to make 17,000 voices — less the couple thousand Buffalo invaders, anyway — sound like 170,000. He waved them louder, louder still, so maybe they could hear them all the way in Tampa. And the faithful complied. They always do.

They waited a lot of years — a lot of decades — in Kansas City to get the kind of team they got last year, the Chiefs who ended a half-century of frustration and added a bookend Lombardi Trophy to the won they won 50 years earlier in Super Bowl IV.

Now they have this. They are the Mid-western football version of the Red Sox, a franchise that seemed forever destined to be

strangled by ill fate and hog-tied by destiny only to receive, after an extended wait, a team not only good enough to win a title, but several of them.

“We’re going to Tampa to run it back!” Kansas City owner Clark Hunt roared when this 38-24 masterpiece of an AFC title game was over, clutching the conference championship trophy that is named after his father, Lamar, founder of both the Chiefs and the old AFL.

And, of course, they have the quarterback. They have Patrick Mahomes. They have Superman who wears a “C” on his chest instead of an “S,” who plays the position with an imagination and a creativity that is almost impossible to fully understand. Perhaps you aren’t ready to say he plays quarterback better than

anyone who’s come before. But he sure seems to have more fun than anyone who’s come before. And he makes the NFL as much fun to watch as is permissible by law.

“We believe in each other,” Mahomes said after turning in a tidy 29-for-38 passing performance, good for 325 yards and three touchdowns, a week after he’d jammed both his toe and his head, after a seven-day interlude when it was questionable whether he’d play at all. “The job isn’t finished. I trust my guys over anybody and we’re going out there to be ourselves, to be who we are.”

Right now, and for at least another 14 days, who they are is the reigning Super Bowl champion, and who they will be is a

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Bitcoin can do several beneficial things to a portfolio. Companies like Microstrategy continue “to believe bitcoin will provide the opportunity for better returns

and preserve the value of our capital over time compared to holding cash,” said Phong Le, President & CFO, MicroStrategy Incorporated. As more in-

stitutions invest, the price will rise, and so will the demand. 2021 is shaping up to be a big breakout year for Bitcoin.

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Three generations of women in Gary Williams Jr.'s family sat together to watch Harris take her oath. “This is what it’s about. Three generations. My mother, my wife, and my daughter watching history,” Williams tweeted. “A Black woman being sworn in as Vice President of the United States of America. Thank you @KamalaHarris and congratulations!”



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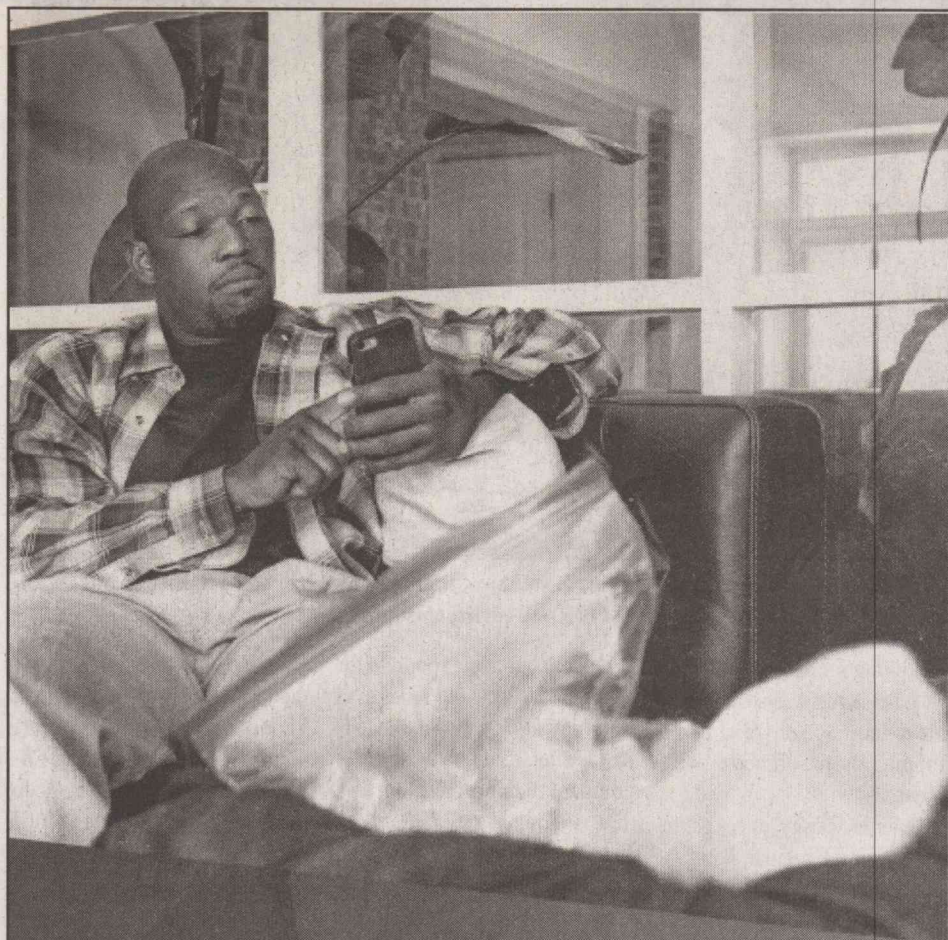
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## We Thank God For Jesus

“HERE IS WHY THE HEATHENS RAGE”

By  
Evangelist Billy “B.J.” Morrison, III

Psalm 2:1,2, WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed (JESUS).

As we look around THE WORLD TODAY; EVERYONE IS CRAZY; HATE IS OUT OF CONTROL.

EVEN THE DOCTORS ARE TAKING THEIR LIVES; LOOKING FOR HELP; THAT’S UNDER THEIR NOSE!!!

Matthew 11:28, 29, Jesus said come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (THE BIBLE) upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. \*\*THERE IS JOY IN JESUS!!!\*\*

The heathens was looking for a corona cure; and though they had it for sure.

THEY WENT AND ATTACKED THE WHITE HOUSE; EVEN THEN THEIR HEARTS WERE NOT PURE!!!

Even the CHRISTIAN FAMILIES; ARE ENDING UP IN THE DIVORCE COURTS; THREE OUT OF TEN.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE OUT OF CONTROL; IT’S WORSE THAN IT’S EVER BEEN!!!

Leviticus 20:13, If a man also lie with mankind, as he lie with

a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

When the DEVIL OPEN THAT DOOR; TO THE THING HE CALLED; “YOUR RIGHTS “.

THE WORLD HAS BEEN GOING BACKWARDS; LIKE HEATHENS;--- DAY AND NIGHTS!!!

Judges 21:25, In those days there was no king in Israel: and everyman did that which was right in his own eyes. \*\*\*SOUNDS JUST LIKE AMERICA!!!\*\*\*

Ecclesiastes 1:9, The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

The MOTHER WITH 5 CHILDREN; CRACKS UP AND TAKES THEIR LIVES.--THE FATHER HAD MOVED OUT; AND FOUND HIMSELF; A MOTHERLESS WIFE!!!!\*\* THEY WERE YOUR CHILDREN\*\*\*

Matthew 24:12, Jesus said, And because of iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

\*\*\*HATE IS INIQUITY; AND IS OF THE DEVIL!!!!\*\*

The children are on DRUGS AND ALCOHOL; IT’S AN ALL TIME HIGH. SURVEY HAS REPORTED; SOME CHILDREN STARTED; EVEN AT THE AGE OF FIVE.----(LIKE PARENTS;

LIKE CHILDREN!!!)

Isaiah 5:20,21, Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

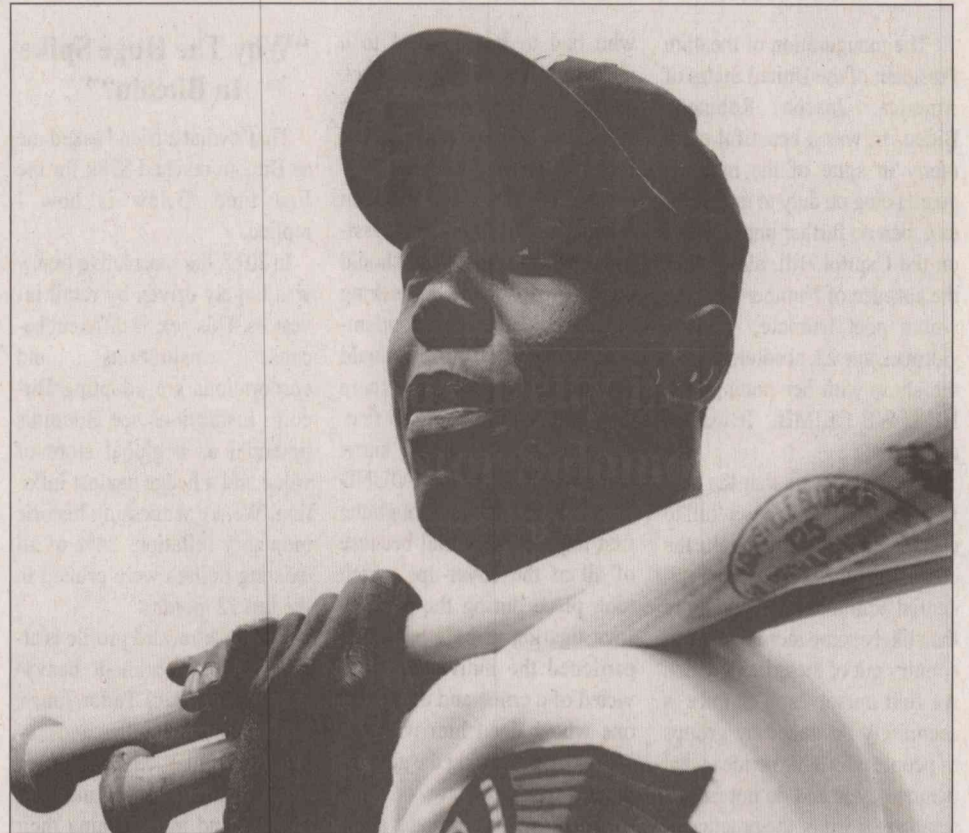
OH WHAT A TRAGEDY; WITH THE BOMBING AT THE UK CONCERT; 22 LIVES TAKEN. IF WE COULD GET; CHILDREN TO COME TO CHURCH LIKE THAT; JESUS HAS BEEN FORSAKENED!!!

Luke 18:16, Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

KILLINGS, ROBBERY, RAPEINGS, BURGLARY; IS NOW THE DEVIL’S ALL TIME PEAK. OLD PEOPLE ARE IN THEIR HOMES BY 5 PM; AFRAID TO BE OUT ON THE STREETS!!!

2 Timothy 3:1-5, THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, with natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of god; Having a form of godliness, but denying the powder thereof: from such turn away.

## Longtime MLB Home Run King Hank Aaron dies at 86



Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron, the Hall of Fame slugger whose 755 career home runs long stood as baseball's golden mark, has died. He was 86.

"Our family is heartbroken to hear the news of Hank Aaron's passing," Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said in a statement on behalf of the Aaron family. "Hank Aaron was an American icon and one of Georgia's greatest legends. His life and career made history, and his influence was felt not only in the world of sports, but far beyond -- through his important work to advance civil rights and create a more equal, just society. We ask all Georgians to join us in praying for his fans, family, and loved ones as we remember Hammerin' Hank's incredible legacy."

The Atlanta Braves said in a release that Aaron died peacefully in his sleep. One of the sport's great stars despite playing for the small-market Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves throughout a major league career that spanned from 1954 to 1976, Aaron still holds major league records for RBIs (2,297), total bases (6,856) and extra-base hits (1,477), and he ranks among MLB's best in hits (3,771, third all time), games played (3,298, third) and runs scored (2,174, fourth).

But it was Hammerin' Hank's sweet home run swing for which he was best known.

A 6-foot, 180-pounder, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's hallowed home run mark on April 8, 1974, slugging his record 715th off Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Al Downing in the fourth inning as 50,000-plus fans celebrated in Atlanta. In one of baseball's iconic moments, Aaron trotted around the basepaths -- despite briefly being interrupted by two fans -- and ultimately touched home plate, where teammates hoisted him, his parents embraced him and he was interviewed by a young Craig Sager.

Aaron went on to play two more seasons and finished with 755 career home runs, a mark that stood as the major league record until Barry Bonds broke it in 2007.

"We are absolutely devastated by the passing of our beloved Hank," Braves chairman Terry McQuirk said in a statement. "He was a beacon for our organization first as a player, then with player development, and always with our communi-

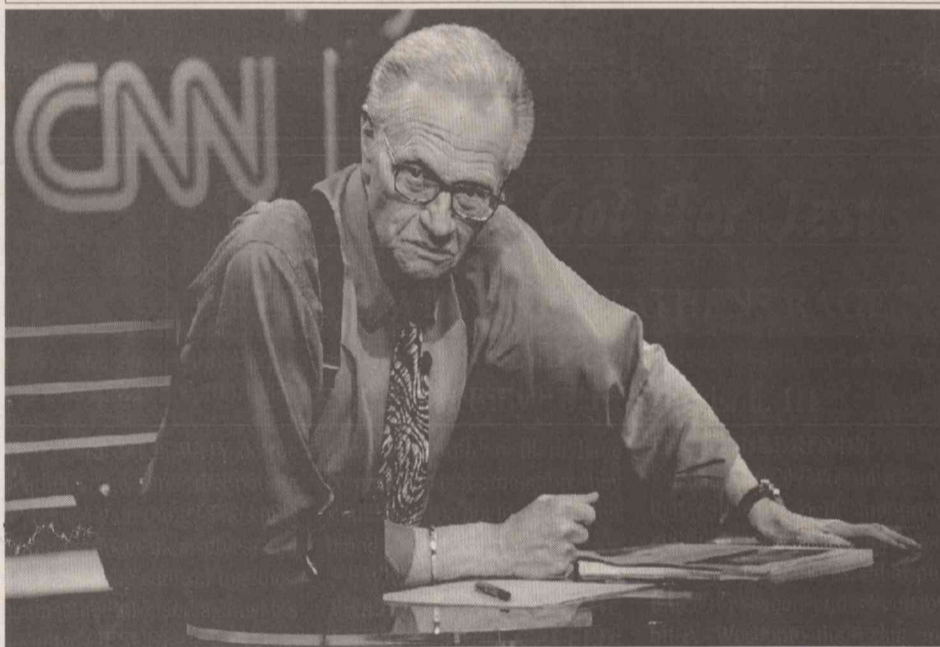
ty efforts. His incredible talent and resolve helped him achieve the highest accomplishments, yet he never lost his humble nature. Henry Louis Aaron wasn't just our icon, but one across Major League Baseball and around the world. His success on the diamond was matched only by his business accomplishments off the field and capped by his extraordinary philanthropic efforts.

"We are heartbroken and thinking of his wife Billye and their children Gaile, Hank, Jr., Lary, Dorinda and Ceci and his grandchildren."

Kemp issued an order to have the flags fly at half-staff at all state buildings in Georgia until sunset on the day of Aaron's funeral to honor his "groundbreaking career and tremendous impact on our state and nation."

Despite allegations that Bonds used performance-enhancing drugs, Aaron never begrudged someone eclipsing his mark. His common refrain: More than three decades as the king was long enough. It was time for someone else to hold the record.

## Larry King, Legendary Talk Show Host, dies at 87



Larry King, who gained fame with his CNN show "Larry King Live," died Saturday in Los Angeles. King was hospitalized with COVID-19 earlier this month.

In living rooms across America, Larry King was as comfortable a guest as a favorite uncle dropping by to schmooze with the family.

Never too pushy, never going directly for the jugular, King — with his trademark suspenders, horn-rimmed glasses and rolled-up sleeves — would chat it up with presidents, authors, actors, psychics, villains, heroes or anyone with a product to push, a political race to win or an image in need of a makeover.

In a career that spanned half a century, King became one of the most famous talk show hosts and opinion shapers in the world with his breezy, rarely confrontational style of banter, leading his guests this way and that, wherever his curiosity took him.

Seldom out of the spotlight for long, the 87-year-old King died Saturday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said Ora Media, the company behind the programs "Larry King Now" and "Politicizing With Larry King," in a statement. King was hospitalized with COVID-19 earlier this month.

King ended his long-running CNN program in 2010 but returned to television again and again as a moderator and, occasionally, pitchman. During his 25 years presiding over "Larry King Live," the first international live phone-in TV talk show, King was variously dubbed in the press "America's yak-master," the "popo of talk" and the "top banana of talk-show hosts."

With his swept-back dark hair, the jacketless King would sit at his desk with its prop antique microphone and — leaning forward, shoulders hunched — do what he felt he did best: "draw people out in an interview."

"Tonight!" he'd boom in his familiar baritone at the start of each show, launching into a brief introduction of the evening's guest — or guests — seated opposite him or in another studio via satellite.

For King, that could mean Frank Sinatra or Henry Kissinger, Don Rickles or the Dalai Lama. Over the decades, a seemingly endless succession of celebrities, politicians and assorted newsmakers and expert-sanswered King's questions.



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# Obsequies

## Freddie Lee Curry

Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Jake's Sport Bar. Private Disposition under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Freddie Lee Curry was born to Margaret Pride on July 30, 1959 in Tyler, Texas. He was raised in Lubbock, Texas where he attended Dunbar High School.

Freddie previously worked at Alderson Cadillac. Approximately 20 years ago, he founded the band Element in which they played at bars, parties, quinceañeras, weddings, restaurants, family events, and many other special occasions. Freddie graced his presence at some of the best venues that Lubbock and surrounding communities' venues has to offer. Freddie was the bass player and co-lead singer of the group.

He serenaded the audiences with his smooth -- rhythmic sense of soul and funk sound. Element is very well known and loved to everyone in the community. As a member of Element, Freddie had a big part in bringing joy and smiles to many people from all walks of life.

He leaves to cherish in his memory his wife of 33 years; Sandra Curry; his daughter, Latoya Curry; son Freddie Curry, Jr. (Mercedes); his sister, Pastor



Rita Mae Page (John); brother, Billy Pride (Joyce); 3 grandchildren: a host of other relatives and friends.



Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Isaiah 35:10



## Brenda Jan Radloff

Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, January 8, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Brenda was born on November 16, 1957, in Altus, OK to E.J. and Beth Ward.

Brenda attended Lubbock Cooper Schools where she graduated as Salutatorian. She excelled in athletics playing high school basketball and running track where she held many school and state records. She received a basketball scholarship from South Plains College and went on to play basketball at Texas Tech University where she earned her bachelor's degree and a master's degree. She was a school teacher and a coach at Floydada Schools where her career began. She enjoyed a 31-year career at Lubbock Cooper Schools.

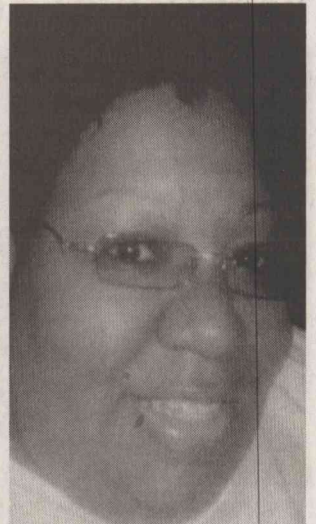


Brenda leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Matthew (Abigail) Radloff and Jacob (Marla) Radloff; siblings, Eddie (Teresa) Ward, Steven (Angie) Ward; Jenae Ward; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Erica Hicks

Visitation was held from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2021, at Griffin Mortuary. Private Disposition under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Erica was born to Mary and Ernest Hicks on December 22, 1968, in Lubbock, TX.

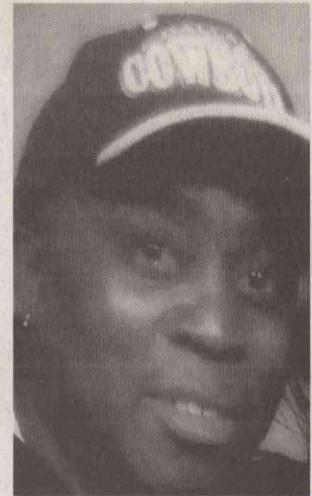
She graduated from Dunbar-Struggs High School. She leaves to cherish her memory; two daughters, Kaitlynn Taylor and Shantonia Kerr; two sons, Jaeden Hobby and Jaston Allen; one brother, Irving Crick (Ted); five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



## Leroy Hardaway

January 7, 1957.

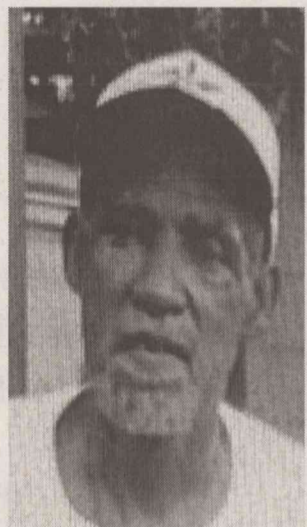
Leroy leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ethel Mae Hardaway; his mother, Betty Wiley; two daughters, Shatiedra Green and LaKendra Green; three sons, O'Brien Green, Leroy Hardaway, III, and Justin Hardaway; four sisters, Sharon (Luevell) Malone, Linda Hardaway, Cynthia Rodgers, and Tasha Hardaway; four brothers, James (Gladys) Hardaway, Billy Hardaway, Rufus (Shelia) Johnson, and Russell Hardaway; 10 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



Celebration of Life Service was held Monday, January 25, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Leroy was born to Leroy Hardaway, Sr. and Betty Wiley on



## Larry Jean Harris



He leaves to cherish his memory; his longtime companion, Connie Ellison; two sons, Larry, Jr. and Jonathon (Ashley) Harris; three sisters, Thelmer Wynn, Doris Hereford, and Anna McGuire; one brother, Delmer (Doretha) Harris, Jr.; five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



## Ruby Lee Davis-Hobdy

San Antonio- Ruby entered her eternal rest January 8, 2021 in San Antonio, TX from COVID-19 complications. Her self-sacrificing beloved granddaughter Tarmeka was by her side, for she did not want her precious GG to be alone.

Ruby was born January 13, 1930 in Frankston, TX. Committal will be at the Pine Springs Cemetery in Frankston, TX on January 23, 2021 at 12pm



## Joan (Kerr) Crawford Jones

On December 20, 2020, Joan Blondell Kerr Crawford Jones unexpectedly passed away at Lubbock Covenant Hospital at the age of 84.

Joan was born on May 11, 1936 in Davila, Texas. After a few years in Davila, the family decided to move to Lubbock Texas where she grew up and later made her home.

Joan accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist Church for over 60 years. She served in several ministries over the years, but her favorite was as Sunday School teacher where she could use her teaching skills and her love for the Lord to teach His word.

Joan was an Educator in the Lubbock Independent School District for 33 years. Joan taught school at Dunbar High, Monterey High, Alderson Junior High, Phyllis Wheatley Elementary and Parkway Elementary. Her teaching skills have had a lasting impact on the many youths that she educated over the years. Even though she retired many years ago, former students still thank Joan, today, for what she taught them. It was certainly much more than just the ABCs, but instead, valuable life lessons and life skills.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband - Arthur Jones, mother - Jessie Evans, step-father - John Evans, and brother Charles Kerr.

She received the George Woods Award for outstanding service in education from the NAACP, the Theodore Phea, Jr. Award for community service, the Servicing the Youth of Lubbock Council Award for her outstanding commitment and service, and the Lubbock Independent School District Award for 33 years of service.

Joan is survived by her children daughter- Michelle Harper - San Antonio, Texas; son-Geoffrey Crawford (Toni) - Sugar Land, Texas; and son- Craig Crawford - Lubbock, Texas; her brothers, Clovis Kerr (Mildred) - Los Angeles, California; and John Ricky Evans - Lubbock, Texas; her grandchildren-Natalie Bell - Denver, Colorado; Brandon Crawford (Jennifer) - San Antonio; Texas, Tamara Bell - Austin, Texas; Quentin Crawford (Lauren) - Ft. Worth, Texas; Alexandria Crawford-Lubbock, Texas; and Stefan Crawford (Valeria) Houston, Texas; and one great grandchild Breckyn Crawford - San Antonio, Texas. Extended Family Damon and Angela Sayles, Ashley Crawford, Julie White, Sonia and Byron Nelson, Brian Jones and a host of relatives & friends.



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## "Riding the Hallelujah Train To the End"

by  
**Dr. James L. Snyder**

We had a long, hard week with problems and difficulties that took time to solve, if they even were solved. It is quite interesting to me that when I solve one problem, two other problems appear. I think they're all waiting in line.

That evening the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I sat down after supper to watch a little TV news and drink our evening coffee. We like to get caught up on the news of the day so we know what's happening.

As we were watching the news, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sighed very deeply and said, "Why does the news always have to be negative?"

I looked over at my wife, smiled one of my gregarious smiles, and said, "I'm going to be riding the hallelujah train to the end. You want to join me?"

Looking at me quizzically, she said, "What in the world does that mean?"

I chuckled, and when I got control of my chuckling, "Do you remember good old uncle Ned?"

I told her the good old uncle Ned story. He was the kind of guy that if you could discourage him, you were the only person that could do that.

He always had such a happy demeanor that when you were depressed, you just wanted to get around him to give you a little bit of cheer along with one of his nonsensical stories.

When everything was going against him, and it didn't look like there was any solution to the problem, uncle Ned would say, "I'm just gonna ride the hallelujah train to the end." Then he would break into one of his infamous hallelujah dances.

It took me a long time to understand what he meant by that. It wasn't until after he had passed that I began to understand what he was talking about.

The "hallelujah train" that he talked about was simply him taking control of his attitude at the time. He never allowed an incident, person or even family member to take away his happiness.

I begin to understand that he deliberately chose to ride the "hallelujah train," which made him in charge of his life.

As I told my wife the story, she leaned back and smiled one of her gracious smiles. Then she said, "I think I understand what he meant by that hallelujah train."

I can't remember anything that uncle Ned really did or ac-

complished in life. I'm sure there were things, but nothing came to my attention as I thought of him. The only thing was his attitude of happiness that nothing or no one could take away for him.

Walking into the house the next day, my wife looked at me and said, "Well, I'm riding the hallelujah train today."

I didn't have to ask her to explain, I knew exactly where she was going with this.

Troubles come and go, but if I allow them to control me in any regard, I am the loser. Therefore, each day I'm going to ride the hallelujah train to the end.

That evening I thought of one of the wise sayings of King Solomon. "He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he" (Proverbs 16:20).

The door into the hallelujah train is simply trusting in the Lord.

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## Cloris Leachman, Emmy and Oscar Winner, Dies at 94



# Actress Cicely Tyson, Groundbreaking Emmy and Tony Winner, Dies at Age 96



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### KC vs TAMPA BAY Continued from Page 4

substantial favourite to become the first team since the 2004 Patriots to repeat as NFL champs. They are a good team, a deep team, playmakers everywhere you look. With one play-master who towers over the rest.

"This guy seems to amaze me a little bit more every game," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "And it never goes to his head. He just keeps working harder, just keeps getting better."

The story that will dominate every hour between now and when Super Bowl 2021 kicks off in Tampa will be Mahomes squ-

aring off with Tom Brady, the G.O.A.T. facing his heir apparent. It is an irresistible story, the king and the crown prince, the game taking place in Brady's new Tampa fiefdom. Tony Romo told CBS: "This is literally going to be like LeBron and Jordan playing in the Finals."

It will be Brady's 10th appearance in the Super Bowl. It will be the first time since his debut, 19 years ago, that the box next to his name when listing the pre-game match-ups will not be checked. Back then, it was Kurt Warner who was still engineering the Greatest Show on Turf, the league's MVP. Brady was still a virtual unknown, and

some thought a fluke. The Rams had the edge that day. Or so many thought.

But it's Mahomes who has the bigger game, who is 18 years younger, who has the more powerful weapons at his disposal. It's Mahomes — 2-2 lifetime against Brady, 0-1 in championship games having lost the '19 AFC title game in OT — who is the sport's most vivid star. The check-mark will be in the box next to his name.

"I think," Reid said, "it's going to be a heck of a football game." He smiled as he said this, the smile of a man who knows he'll have the best player in that game on his side of the field.

# More Obesquies

## Linda Roberson's Journey

Born on April 7, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas, Linda transitioned to eternity with the Lord and Savior on January 10, 2021. She was 71 years in age. She was born to Rev. Edwin and Mrs. Pearlene Scott. She was the oldest of four children born into this union.

Linda accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized under the leadership of Rev. A.W. Wilson at Bethel AME Church. She was a delegate at many church conferences in Waco, Texas and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Linda graduated from Dunbar High School in 1967. She was a member of the Panther Marching Band, playing clarinet for 4 years. She was also a runner-up for Miss Dunbar. After high school, Linda attended Texas Women University before transferring to Texas Southern University. She received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work. While attending TSU, she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

On July 3, 1971 she married

Freddie Roberson and to this union two sons were born. After graduating from TSU in August 1971, Linda worked for Houston ISD as a teacher assistant and eventually gained her Alternative Certification in Elementary Education. Her teaching experiences included Christ the King, St. Ambrose, Houston ISD and Klein ISD. Her greatest success was making her students love math and science. She was a phenomenal math teacher. For 40 years she touched the lives of thousands of kindergartners and first graders. She retired in 2014 from Klein ISD after 40 years in education.

Even though Linda was a phenomenal teacher, she was blessed with many talents including Interior Designs, Floral arrangements, Sewing and the Culinary Arts. She was a planner and coordinator of many Scott family reunions.

Even though after retirement she faced many medical hardships, her focus of planning, creating, and sharing her many talents never ceased. We will



miss her hosting our family gathering at Thanksgiving at her home.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Freddie Roberson of 49 years; two sons, Broderick Roberson (Alesia) of Round Rock; Ulric Roberson (Rachelle) of Tomball; three grandchildren Kamar'ria, Khari and Kingston Roberson; two sisters- Pat Adams (Robert) of Houston; Frances Lampkin (Robert) of Arlington and one brother, Edwin Scott Jr. (Dora) of Lubbock. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and long-life family and friends.

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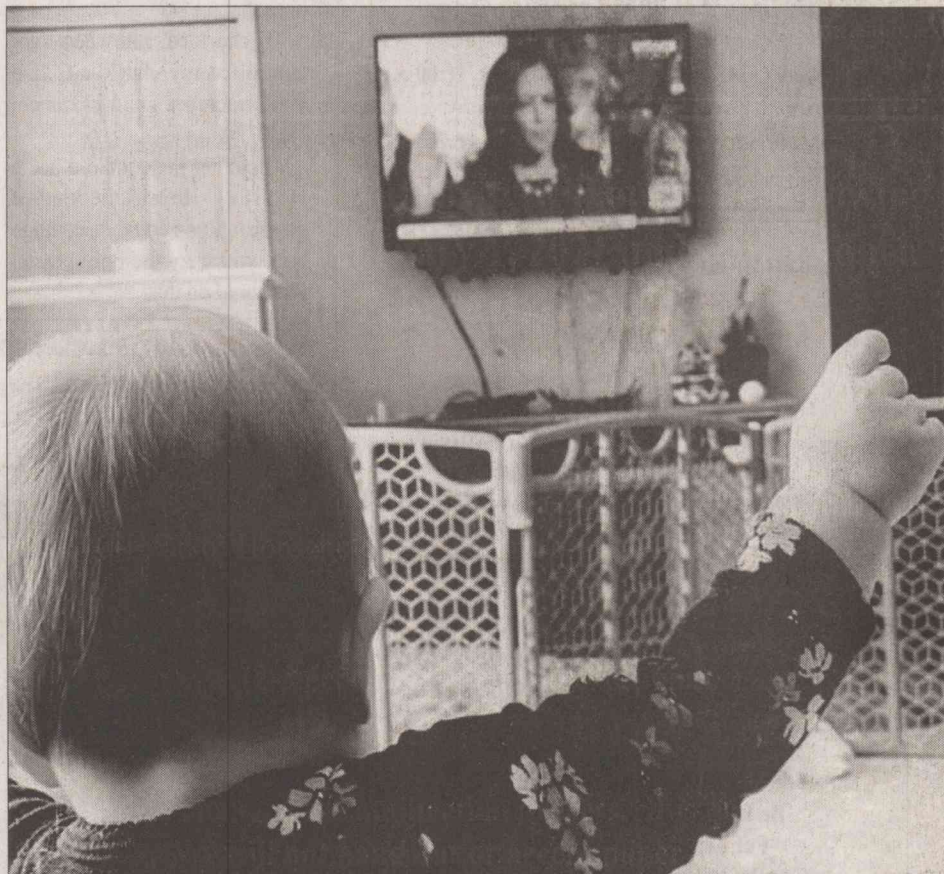
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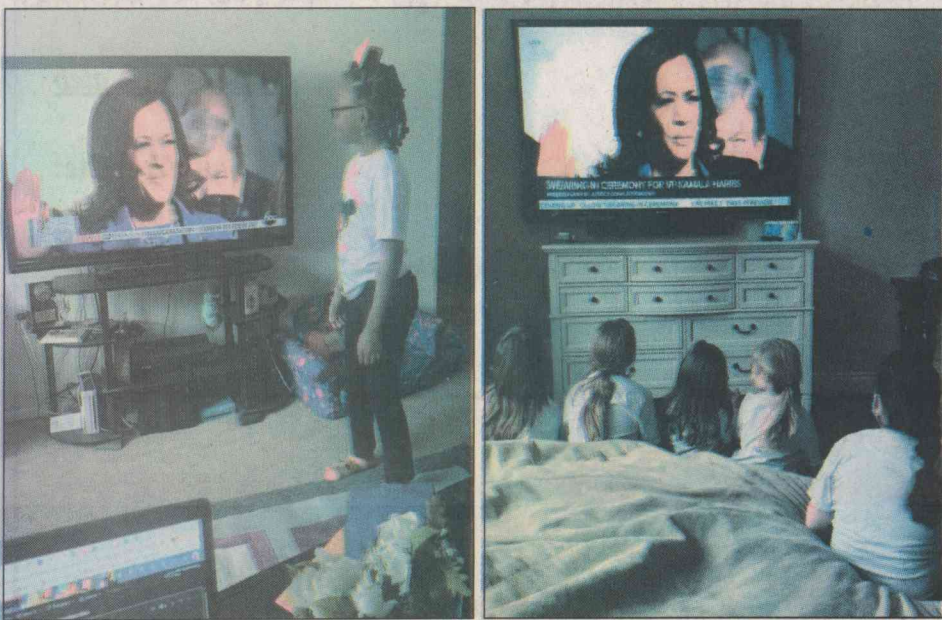
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# UNCOMFORTABLE



# PHOTOS: Little Girls Watch Swearing-in of Vice President Kamala Harris

Inauguration Day was an inspiring moment for young girls across the nation as they watched Kamala Harris become the first woman sworn in as Vice President of the United States.



After taking the oath of office at the US Capitol earlier, Biden and his family walked onto the White House grounds for the first time since he became President, as did Harris — who made history when she was sworn in as the first female, the first Black and first South Asian vice president of the United States.



The Bidens walk inside the Capitol.



Three former US presidents and first ladies wait for President Biden during the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. From left are Michelle Obama, Barack Obama, Laura Bush, George W. Bush, Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton

## "The Hill We Climb"

By Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves where can we find light in this never-ending shade,  
 The loss we carry a sea we must wade.  
 We have braved the belly of the beast.  
 We have learned that quiet isn't always peace,  
 And the norms and notions of what just is isn't always justice.  
 And yet, the dawn is hours before we knew it.  
 Somehow we do it.  
 Somehow we have weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken  
 but simply unfinished.  
 We, the successors of a country in a time where a skinny black girl  
 descended from slaves  
 And raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president,  
 Only to find herself reciting for one.  
 And yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine  
 But that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.  
 We are striving to forge our union with purpose,  
 To compose a country committed to all cultures, colors,  
 characters and conditions of man.  
 And so we lift our gazes, not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.  
 We close the divide because we know to put our future first  
 We must first put our differences aside.  
 We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.  
 We seek harm to none and harmony for all.  
 Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true,  
 That even as we grieved, we grew.  
 That even as we hurt, we hoped.  
 That even as we tired, we tried that we will forever be tied together.  
**Victorious!**  
 Not because we will never again know defeat, but because  
 we will never again sow division.  
 Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under  
 their own vine and fig tree,  
 And no one shall make them afraid.  
 If we are to live up to our own time, then victory won't lighten in the blade,  
 But in all of the bridges we have made.  
 That is the promise to glade, the hill be climbed.  
 If only we dare it because being American is more than a pride we inherit.  
 It is the past we step into and how we repair it.  
 We have seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it,  
 Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.  
 And this effort very nearly succeeded.  
 But while democracy can be periodically delayed,  
 It can never be permanently defeated.  
 In this truth, in this faith we trust.  
 For while we had our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us.  
 This is the era of just redemption. We feared it at its inception.  
 We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour,  
 But within it, we found the power to author a new chapter.  
 To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.  
 So, while once we asked how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe,  
 Now we assert, how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?  
 We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be.  
 A country that is bruised, but whole. Benevolent, but bold. Fierce and free.  
 We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation,  
 Because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance  
 of the next generation.  
 Our blunders become their burdens.  
 But one thing is certain, if we merge mercy with might and might with the right,  
 Then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright.  
 So let us leave behind the country better than the one we were left,  
 With every breath in my bronze-pounded chest,  
 We will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.  
 We will rise from the gold limbed hills of the west.  
 We will rise from the windswept northeast where our forefathers  
 first realized revolution.  
 We will rise from the lake rimmed cities of midwestern states.  
 We will rise from the sunbaked south.  
 We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover in every known nook of our nation  
 And every corner called our country.  
 Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful.  
 When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid.  
 A new dawn looms as we free it,  
 For there is always light, if only we are brave enough to see it,  
**If only we are brave enough to be it.**

## Biden signs three documents after His Swearing-In Ceremony: His Inauguration Day Proclamation, His Nominations for the Cabinet and His Nominations for Sub-Cabinet positions.

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