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## Gloss plumps up lips

Let's talk about lips. When I was younger, I had lips that nowadays women would pay good money for, including me. I have tried lip injections, and while they work, the procedure is not permanent and it's not cheap.

It has been years since I have had lip injections, but in the meantime, I have found a lip gloss that does a good job of plumping up your lips without the pain and cost of injections.

Buxom is a full plumper lip gloss that comes in various colors. It tingles when applied, but does have a plumping effect on your lips and again is a temporary fix.

You can get lip plumpers in many different brands and colors, but with having to sport masks in 2020 and probably for some time in 2021, lipstick and lip plumpers were overshadowed by lip balm and ChapStick due to our lips drying out under those warm masks. Burt's Bee's has a great lip balm that will keep your lips in good condition and feeling great.

If you are determined to wear lipstick even under your mask, there are plenty of semi-permanent, long-lasting lipsticks on the market. One of my faves is the Kylie Jenner line of matte glosses.

Whatever you choose to go with as far as your lips are concerned, just remember a smile can change someone's day, regardless of what is on your lips. If you still have to wear those masks, just smile with your eyes and brighten up every space you walk into.

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David Thomas, the new director of the Lake Jackson Historical Society, stands in the foyer of the Lake Jackson Historical Museum on Friday. Thomas is planning several temporary traveling exhibits at the museum for the upcoming year.

## Hiring History

Lake Jackson Historical Association believes it hit jackpot with new director

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### LAKE JACKSON

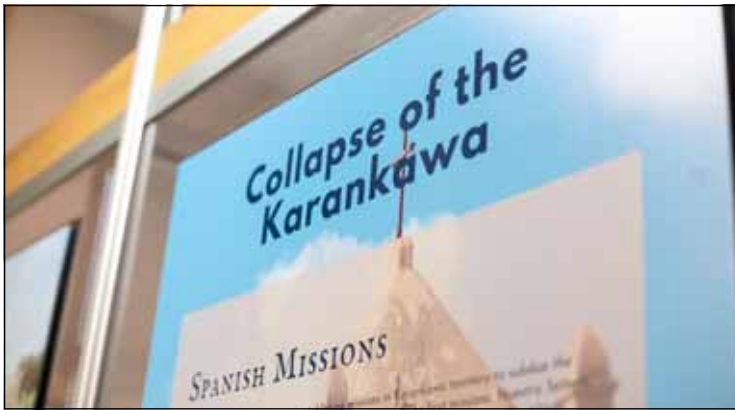
David Thomas did not know much about Lake Jackson's history, but is excited to learn.

"It's a pretty fantastic and storied history — and unique history," he said. "The only planned industrial town I've ever heard of, and then of course you've got wonderful plantation history as well — well, good and bad, there."

Thomas joined the Lake Jackson Historical Association in January as the new executive director, overseeing the city's historical museum, the Alden B. Dow Office Museum, which is still undergoing renovations, and the Abner Jackson Plantation Site, open the first Saturday of each month.

"He brings a lot of energy and resourcefulness and knowledge to the

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The exhibit on the Karankawa Indians at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum is the favorite of David Thomas, the new director of the Lake Jackson Historical Association.



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David Thomas stands in the Karankawa Indian exhibit at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum on Friday. Thomas recently took over as director of the Lake Jackson Historical Association and plans to expand the exhibit in the future.



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SHOUT OUTS

## Couple has spent 16 years at church

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Clara Johnson welcomes contributors to her weekly Shout Outs column. Send yours to bliving@thefacts.com.

Shouts of love, appreciation and congratulatory blessings to Elder Roland K. Hendricks and First Lady Jean Hendricks on their 16th year of humbly serving the members of the Greater Mt. Zion Church.

Pastor Hendricks and First Lady Jean Hendricks are a dynamic duo, who love the Lord their God with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind and with all their strength.

Shouts of additional affection to Pastor Vincent Hightower, who graced the congregants with a message of great serenity, "God is in control, and not us."

Our prayer is that God will give you a fresh anointing and continue to bless your ministry with inspiring results. The ministry of preaching is one of the highest greatest and most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called. Thank you for being such a blessing to our community and our world.

"Remember your leader who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives. And follow the example of their faith." Hebrews 13:7

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Shouts of love and birthday blessings to a retired educator and prolific motivational speaker, Vanessa Mathis. Vanessa is a very sincere and sensational member of the Jerusalem Baptist Church and Pastor Darrell James is the angel of the house.

Great people like you deserve all the best blessings the world has to hold. You are a woman whose price is far above

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## Disorganization, love for clothes shopping a bad combination of habits

Just when I'm getting my winter clothes all together, what happens? It's warm!

Now, here is the problem I have. I have been working on cleaning out my closet for the last 100 years, getting winter and summer stuff all together. In other words, organized. I am not an organizer. But, there is organization in my non-organizing. It makes sense to me.

I am, however, getting rid of clothes I haven't even thought about wearing in years. I am not a hoarder I don't think. Clothes are my kryptonite (like Superman). Someone who has the ability to invent a credit card that will slap your hand when you get it out to buy



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something you don't need would be greatly appreciated. I would be the first one to get one! (Maybe).

Wish me luck. And this is one thing that has nothing to do with COVID. Because I stay home a lot has nothing to do with my buying habits ... there is always the internet.

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This won't interest anyone in Louisiana, but I just got an

email that the American Legion Hall will be open again March 19. Debi and Lowell will be back and ready to play their beautiful country music.

Even if you don't dance, you could come listen to the very best in country music being played by this remarkable duo.

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Dear Gin,

About 50 or 60 years ago, we were invited to a beautiful lodge on a lake for a fishing trip (ZaZa Gabor had been a guest there) and had a wonderful time.

I came away with the recipe for some wonderful pickles I think you will like. Our fishing guide gave it to me; he was a

retired Texas A&M agent.

### HOT, SWEET, GARLIC CRUNCHY DILLS

#### INGREDIENTS

1 gallon whole dill pickles in glass jar  
5 cups sugar  
1 small jar Tabasco  
5 to 6 buttons garlic

#### DIRECTIONS

Pour out the pickles and juice and drain. Slice the pickles onto paper towels and drain well.

Layer everything back into the dry jar. Sugar, 2/3 buttons garlic, dashes of hot sauce and slices of pickles until all is back into jar. Then put the lid on tight and set it out on the kitchen counter. Turn the jar upside down every day.

The dry sugar will pull the juice from the slices and make them so crunchy. Hope you like them. After a few days you might want to divide them into smaller jars and share with friends.

Peggy Connick

Peggy,

Please tell me you are kin to Harry Connick Jr. I loved him starring in the movie with my twin wanna-be, Sandra Bullock, "Hope Floats." One of my all-time favorite movies, besides "Jaws."

Now, for the pickles. I love pickles, and these sound like something even I would do.

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# Shout

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rubies, an exclusive and limited edition. There is only one of you. May you be protected and highly favored along your Christian journey, and may your birthday be as wonderful as your presence has been in our world.

“For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with His salvation.” Psalm 149:4

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Shouts of love and birthday well-wishes to a very gifted and talented interior decorator, designer and woman of grace and grandeur — Lou Ella Wright. Lou Ella is a praise and prayer warrior at the Greater Mt. Zion Church and Pastor Roland K. Hendricks is God’s Gospel preacher.

We thank God for your life and pray He will keep blessing you and moving you from strength to strength. God has chosen you to be a blessing to many, for you are a virtuous woman of God, a vessel of love that’s pouring out grace both in and outside of the home. Our prayer is you will have a birthday that is as amazingly beautiful as the life you live. We thank God each day for having you in our lives.

“She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” Proverbs 31:26

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Shouts of overflowing love and birthday blessings to a tender and loving woman or God, Mother Eiiza Smith. Mother Smith is a devout member of the Burrell

Chapel Baptist Church and the Rev. Phelps is God’s trumpeter of the Gospel.

We are so grateful for you blessing our days with your wisdom, your presence and for giving us words to live by to draw us closer to God’s love. On your birthday, we give you one of the best gifts you can give someone, which is thanking them for being a part of your life.

Our prayer is that your birthday will forever be filled with smiles and dreams and be touched by precious memories, happy thoughts and love. May blessings surround you and angels guide your steps to the brightest star.

“Those with insight find prosperity; those who trust the Lord are blessed.” Proverb 16:10

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## SHIRLEY FARRINGTON

Shout-out birthday blessings (Feb. 25) to Alma H. Spears, a kind, devoted and loving friend, one who plays a leading role at Israel Chapel AME Church, where the Rev. Garnett is the pastor. Hope your day is as special as you are. God bless you with many more happy days.

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## SHIRLEY FARRINGTON

Shout out love and appreciation to my neighbors, Audrey and Mary Little. Y’all are awesome. You came to my aid Wednesday when I needed help. I will always cherish your friendship, caring, sharing and phone calls. There is always someone who cares. God bless you.

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# Gin

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I love spicy, too. They would make good gifts for those of us who like crunchy and spicy pickles. Talk about easy — no cooking, just slicing.

Don’t you know back in the day ZaZa was catered to like the royal princess she would have likes to have been? And I was meant to be a princess, but something happened. I must have been switched at the hospital. No wait — I was born at my grandmother’s house in Amarillo, so maybe not.

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This next recipe is my go-to, “So Good ... Make You Slap Your Mama 11.” Of course, it’s written by my good buddy, Marlyn Monette of Shreveport, Louisiana. Your guests will love it ... although, you don’t have to have guests to make it.

## BREAKFAST CRAB CASSEROLE

**INGREDIENTS**

- 8 thick slices whole wheat bread
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 8 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded
- 8 ounces sliced water chestnuts
- 1 pound lump crab meat
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup Hellmann’s mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Tabasco, to taste

**DIRECTIONS**

Soak bread in water about 15 minutes. Melt butter and sauté onions, garlic, bell pepper and celery until tender. Add cheese to bread and water mixture. Add vegetable mixture, drained water chestnuts and crab meat. Blend eggs, mayonnaise and seasonings; add to crab meat mixture. Place in a 2-quart baking dish; bake in a preheated 350-degree oven (uncovered) for 40 minutes.

I could go for some of that right now. I usually don’t eat first thing when I get up. I get hungry around noon or 1 p.m. I then fix myself my wonderful bowl of Honey Nut Cheerios with lots of blueberries. Then I eat a light dinner around 5 p.m. when I feed my little Bentley.

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Here is another casse-role dish from Marlyn.

## EGG CASSEROLE

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 pound pork sausage, cooked and drained
- 1 (8-ounce) package Monterrey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 (8-ounce) package sharp cheddar, shredded
- 2 (4-ounce) cans chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 12 eggs
- 3 tablespoon sour cream
- 1 large tomato, thinly sliced

**DIRECTIONS**

Combine sausage with cheeses, chilies and onions. Place in a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Combine eggs and sour cream; beat well. Pour mixture over sausage/cheese mixture (you may need to shake dish gently to distribute egg mixture) refrigerate overnight.

**TO BAKE:** Place baking dish in cold oven and set temperature at 350 degrees, bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and add tomato slices to top for garnish. Return to oven and cook until done, a minimum of 20 minutes, until center is set.

More winners my friend. Everyone stay well, and be kind to each other. Sometimes that’s kinda hard to do, but you will feel better if you do it. In my old age, I find I am a lot more tolerant and kind. Wish I had been that way all along.

If you have recipes or tips to share, or a request, send to Conversations with Gin, P.O. Box 334, Clute, TX. 77531, or virginiacrawford30@yahoo.com.

# Director

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association,” president Susan Buell said.

The historical museum, the plantation site and the office museum entail, respectively, museums, archaeology and architecture, she said. Thomas brings a background in exhibit installation, and interests in archaeology and architecture, she said.

“We have really hit the jackpot with him,” Buell said.

Before joining the association, Thomas was actually more familiar with the Varner-Hogg Plantation in West Columbia and the Levi Jordan Plantation between Brazoria and Sweeny than he was with Lake Jackson’s Abner Jackson Plantation, he said.

“It’s one of the goals that we have here: we would love to create stronger partnerships and collaborations with these other sites and organizations,” he said.

He also brings a background in the care of museum collections and artifacts, and a fascination with that, he said.

“It’s a way to personalize history,” he said. “If you have an object that people can relate to, they might see themselves using it the way people did.”

“It’s nice to have someone I can look to for guidance when complications arise with an exhibit or collection project I’m working on,”



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**The new director of the Lake Jackson Historical Association, David Thomas, stands in the foyer of the Lake Jackson Historical Museum on Friday. Currently, the association is focused on renovating the Alden B. Dow Office Museum in Lake Jackson.**

museum curator Angela Villarreal said.

Prior to coming to Lake Jackson, Thomas worked at the Bryan Museum in Galveston for about a year and a half, he said. Before that, he worked at the Heritage Society in Houston, which is where he lives with his wife and their two Italian greyhounds.

Like Thomas, Lake Jackson Mayor Gerald Roznovsky is interested in learning more about the local history.

“There’s just so much of the history of our community,” Roznovsky said.

One piece of local history is the Alden B. Dow Office Museum at 101 South Parking Place, which is still undergoing renovations.

“That’s our big project this year; we want to complete the renovation and our restoration of that facility,” Thomas said.

In the two months he’s been with the

Lake Jackson Historical Association, Thomas has already initiated several grant applications, some of which are specific to that project, Buell said.

After stabilizing the roof and the foundation, the project is in its second phase, which involves restoring the office interior to how it looked when it was Alden B. Dow’s, Thomas said.

“There’s a floor to ceiling window on the side of the building you can look in and see his office,” he said. “You’ll be able to see that whether we’re open or not. Of course, we’ll have tours and things built around that.”

They also plan to use the largest room as a community education space for a variety of things, including educational programs and a temporary exhibit space, he said.

“I think we’ve made a good effort in the past to educate people but I think what he’s going

bring to the table is different ways to present the material,” Roznovsky said of Thomas.

Plans also are in the works to upgrade and expand some of the historical museum’s exhibits, including the Karankawa exhibit, Thomas said.

“I think the Karankawa history is a fascinating aspect and people all over Texas love it, but we’re right in the heart of Karankawa country, so it makes sense for us to try to be the ones to really capitalize on that and share that history,” Thomas said.

Thomas has always loved history.

“The truth is, history’s exciting stuff,” he said. “History is full of adventure and all of the great stories you hear or read — they have their roots in history.”

Additionally, Thomas believes history holds the answer to every personal or societal problem, which has in a way already happened.

“If you know your history, you’ve got a big jump on figuring out whatever challenges you face because it’s been done before, and you can look at people’s successes and failures,” he said.

“When people know their history, they become stakeholders in their community, and if you know your history and you’re a stakeholder, it makes you a better citizen.”

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