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Bill Clinton Predicts Obama Will Win Big



Former President Bill Clinton & Sen. Barack Obama

NEW YORK — Barack Obama and former President Clinton talked for two hours on Thursday, their first meeting in a White House race that had once bitterly divided them. Clinton predicted that Obama will win the presidency "pretty handily."

Their conversation started with small talk about the former president's commute to his Harlem office and ended after a lunch of sandwiches, flatbread pizza and salad from Cosi.

"They discussed the campaign briefly, but mostly talked about how the world has changed since September 11, 2001," their spokesman said in a joint statement. The meeting came on the seventh anniversary of the attacks and shortly before Obama was to visit Ground Zero with Republican presidential rival John McCain.

Reporters were allowed in at the beginning of the meeting in Clinton's 14th floor office, but the former president kept his answers short when he was asked about his involvement with Obama's campaign this

fall. He noted an already announced trip Sept. 29 to Florida.

Obama said, "We're putting him to work."

Asked if he would be campaigning beyond that, Clinton said, "I've agreed to do a substantial number of things, whatever I'm asked to do."

Before reporters were ushered out, Clinton was asked where he sees the race between Obama and McCain.

"I predict that Senator Obama will win and win pretty handily," he said.

Obama interjected, "You can take it from the president of the United States. He knows a little something about politics."

Obama and Bill Clinton appeared less friendly toward each other at times during Obama's Democratic primary battle with Clinton's wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York. After Obama clinched the party's nomination, both Clintons gave strong speeches in Obama's favor during the party convention in Denver.

Obama's visit to Clinton's Harlem office, which overlooks Central Park, sparked excitement in the neighborhood, with people crowding around police barricades that shut off the block. The two men briefly appeared in front of the building, where a large group had been waiting for hours in hopes of a glimpse.

People screamed loudly and snapped cell phone pictures when the two emerged. Obama ducked back in the building with Clinton after a few waves but without shaking hands.

Their spokesmen said the two men were complimentary of each other's work, with Obama praising the Clinton Foundation, and Clinton applauding the candidate's campaign.

"They also spoke about what the next president can do to help make the economy work for all Americans, as it did under President Clinton, and ensure safety and prosperity for beyond the coming election," their joint statement said.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

Secretary Rice Calls Lack of Black Diplomats "Unacceptable"

UNCFSP Initiative Prepares African American Students for Global Careers

Fairfax, VA (BlackNews.com) - U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recently called the paucity of Black Americans at her agency "unacceptable," saying that she would like see more African American students interested in foreign affairs careers. Speaking in Washington, D.C. at a conference convened by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Rice commented on how she can participate in an entire day of meetings at the agency without seeing "somebody who looks like her." She later called on HBCUs and other conference attendees to help address this disparity.

For the past fourteen years, the Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP), a program of the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP) has worked to increase the number of students from HBCUs participating in the IIPP's Fellowship Program. The Fellowship, which also includes Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian-Pacific Islanders—is one of the nation's most prestigious programs for minority students interested in pursuing careers in international affairs.

Darryl Crompton, IIPP Director says, "Our goal has always been to put highly educated, well-trained professionals into the international affairs pipeline, preparing them to eventually assume leadership roles; the IIPP surely represents Secretary Rice's call for global workforce diversity. We're proud that seventy two percent of our Fellows are women and one hundred percent are from underrepresented groups. As Secretary Rice suggested, the time has passed when the only face America sends abroad is white and male."

Rice spoke bluntly about her desire to see a foreign service where Black Americans are highly visible and directly involved in the development and promotion of America's foreign policy. Crompton responded saying, "Our organization has a 14-year track record recruiting students from HBCUs. The

number of IIPP Fellows from these institutions grew in 2008 and we are working with several HBCUs to increase the pool of applicants again for 2009."

The IIPP has placed more than 300 Fellows in more than 50 countries across the globe. Over a five-year period, students participate in international policy institutes, study abroad during their junior year, intensive foreign language training, workshops on global workforce diversity, internships, and graduate study. Students may apply for the Fellowship beginning in the fall semester through the spring semester of their sophomore year in college.

To learn more about the program, please visit www.UNCF-SP.org/IIPP

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Community College Meeting Set For Sept. 25th

A meeting to establish a two year college in East Lubbock will be held Monday night, September 29, 2008, at Estacado High School Cafeteria, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

According to Amado Gonzalez, monies have been sought to establish this institution. "At present time, a local businessman, Ted Parker, has pledged \$1,000 for the school," said Gonzalez.

Also, three scholarships have been established by South Plains College.

"We need to establish a campus and a student body, so we can make this become a reality," said Gonzalez.

The public is invited to attend this important meeting.

Early Voting Begins
October 20th through
October 31st!
Election Day is Nov. 4th!

Brown-Bag Lunch Forum with Dorothy Kennedy, Lubbock County Elections Administrator

Dorothy Kennedy, Lubbock County Elections Administrator, will be the featured speaker at Mahon Library on Thursday, September 18 from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Mahon Library. The brown bag lunch forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lubbock County and is free and open to the public.

Ms. Kennedy will discuss polling places, mail-in ballots, early voting, voter registration, and other matters related to the upcoming November 4th General Election. For more information about the forum, contact the League office at 744-0023 or via email at lwc@lubbock.net.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, is dedicated to the informed participation of citizens in government and to influ-

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Sciences Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Allied Health Sciences will celebrate its 25th anniversary this month.

The first TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences class began in 1983. The school is now one of the largest schools of allied health sciences in Texas. TTUHSC President John C. Baldwin, M.D., said he is proud of the progress the school has made.

"When other universities were shutting down their allied health sciences programs, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Sciences doubled its enrollment and tripled its degree programs," Baldwin said. "Dr. Brooke and the School of Allied Health Sciences should be applauded for offering quality education and training our health care professionals who contribute to the

improving public policy through education and advocacy

quality of health and life in West Texas."

The school offers 15 programs within its four academic departments: laboratory sciences and primary care; speech, language and hearing sciences; rehabilitation sciences; and clinic administration and rehabilitation counseling. In addition to undergraduate-level programs, the school offers graduate degrees in seven master's degree programs and four doctoral programs.

More than 90 percent of School of Allied Health Sciences graduates choose to stay in Texas and many practice in the South Plains.

"That's important because America's aging population means a future increase in demands for allied health professionals in the service and of medicine," said Paul F. Brooke Jr., Ph.D., dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences. "The School of Allied Health Sciences' gives your own"

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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MILK Blvd., 806-771-1815

Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library

Dallas City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

Danbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 2nd Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 3:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center

Danbar/Mahon Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-Mahon Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

West Texas Native American Association Fall Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliates meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Sunday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

The Parkway Gladships & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

Chambers Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an opinion about what you want to appear in this paper, please see the person in the box below for information to be published.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Congratulations to Rev. Sonia J. Scott for being re-appointed as the pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for another Conference Year. She has just returned from the Northwest & Fort Worth District Annual Conference in Killeen, Texas. She was re-appointed by the Rt. Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate of the 10th Episcopal District. She said, I'm just excited about returning back to Bethel for another year. It is time to roll up our sleeves

and get busy for another year." Speaking of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Annual Choir Day will be held Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

The Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church will be sponsoring its Friends and Family Day on Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m. The host pastor is Rev. Leon

Moore. The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2008, at the Rising Star Baptist Church, where the pastor is rev. H. Culver, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Sister Bernice Sims is president.

Annual Men & Women's Day will be held Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Guest speaker will be Supt. W. D. Haynes, pastor of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

The Deaconess Ministry of New Hope Baptist Church will be sharing clothing and small items with the church and community on Saturday, September 20, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 14, 2008, at New Hope Baptist Church. Rev. B. R. Moton preached a dynamic sermon entitled "Through Hard Times I Will Remain." Romans 8:20. It was outstanding and it helped all in attendance!

bible study
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: I know who I am; I'm God's child; Christ's friend; united with the Lord; bought with a price; a saint; a personal witness of Christ; the salt & light of the earth; a member of the body of Christ; free forever from condemnation; a citizen of heaven; free from any charge against me; I have access to God through the Holy Spirit and I'm seated with Christ in the heavenly realms.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday September 14, 2008 service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth Jackson is the pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson titled: "Come One Come All", Matthew 22:1-14.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team led the way. What a great job they did.

The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee with the responsive reading coming from Psalm 150:1-6.

The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir and congregation singing "Have Thine Own Way."

The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "O I Want To See Him." They also sang "Finishing Line" which was led by Sis. Linda Green and "Jesus Is The Rock" led by Sis. Alvera Johnson; Guide Me "O Thou Great Jehovah" was

sung also sung before the sermon.

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that would be taking place.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon this morning titled: "It's Getting Late in The Evening" John 9:2-5. After the sermon, Sis. Alvera Johnson and Sis. Ambra Jackson sang "Ye Must Be Born Again."

Visitors were acknowledged by the pastor.

Pray for all those on our prayer list; those in our surrounding counties and communities. Pray also for those in jails, prison, and nursing homes.

Continue to come out & support all of our weekly meeting that is held throughout the week; such as Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.; TUESDAY at 6:00 p.m. is Senior Mission and Brotherhood; WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m. is prayer service and

Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of the Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 3:00 a. m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week.

Church of the Blessed

Church of the Blessed
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FASHION FUN

By Shirley Robinson

FUR TRIM

No matter where it shows up, fur continues to withstand the test of time. Whether an understated trim or the fashion focus, fur exudes luxury and warmth.

Elegant print fabrics are mixed this fall with faux fur for a look that's simply magnificent.

Remember ladies a little or a lot, it's the in thing. Beautiful bright colors ...



How Great is that! Fashion tip... always wear a smile *** Fashion... just for the fun of it!

Fall enrollment numbers released for South Plains College

LEVELLAND - South Plains College officials recently announced the fall enrollment numbers. As of the 12th day of classes, enrollment across all SPC campuses is 9,265.

"Over 9,000 students is a good, strong enrollment for us," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC President. "Of course, you always wish you were up. But knowing that we are still competitive with the job opportunities in the region versus going to college, I feel better knowing that we were down by just 32."

"I was concerned this summer about how the high fuel prices would impact our enrollment," Sharp said. "With the prices coming down, it has really helped to keep our enrollment strong."

South Plains College's total enrollment for fall 2007 was 9,297.

"We are pleased to see enrollment remaining relatively unchanged from last fall," said David Jones, vice president for Student Affairs at SPC. "Our goal this year was not to

increase tuition and fees, and we have been able to do that. We are very aware of the increased cost of living and its impact on our students as they attempt to balance their educational needs with their income needs.

"We are seeing students become increasingly creative in adapting an efficient class schedule that accounts for delivery method and location," Jones said. "We are also witnessing students come together in informal 'learning communities' as they partner with classmates to our pool, and we applaud them for that."

"Although the numbers reflect our fall college credit student enrollment, we also have a strong enrollment in our Workforce Development courses in Lubbock," Sharp added. "This shows a shift in the credit to training courses driven by employment opportunities in the job market."

For additional information, call Dane Dewbre, associate dean for College Relations, at (806) 716-2210.

Summary of LISD Board Meeting Thursday, September 11, 2008

At their 7 a.m. meeting Thursday, September 11, 2008, Lubbock ISD trustees recognized the Foundation for Excellence, Partners in Education and PTA for their significant contributions to the success of the district. Foundation for Excellence past President Jack Holland and current President Bob Tate presented the trustees with a check for \$113,925 which was raised by the 2008 FFE Golf Tournament. The proceeds will provide grants for teachers and students for earned honors and innovations outside the fiscal policy of the district. Since the inception of FFE in 1989, \$644,720 has been granted to 3,398 students and teachers.

Also recognized were Nancy Thomas, past president of the Partners in Education (PIE) council, Martha Hise, president, and Mike Moss, vice-president. The PIE program is a collaborative effort that provides hundreds of volunteers and thousands of dollars in financial resources to LISD schools. The program fosters a better community understanding of the public school system. The LISD Council of PTAs was also recognized with past President Melody Bills and current President Connie Nutter representing the thousands of PTA volunteers who cumulatively logged more than 20,000 hours volunteering for LISD schools.

In other action, trustees approved an annual interagency agreement between the district and Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University, Texas Tech University and South Plains College. The agreement allows classrooms throughout the district to be used in conjunction with teacher preparation classes and the sharing of space between LISD and SPC at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center.

Trustees were briefed on the new Parent Notification System which can be used to communicate with parents about events at school, weather-related delays, student absences and emergencies. The system can make thousands of phone calls in a matter of minutes and can also utilize text messaging and email to send messages. The system will

complement the online grade book and traditional means of keeping parents informed.

Online courses were discussed by the board as the Summer School for Advancement Classes hit record enrollment this year. A total of 952 courses were completed by 635 students from LISD and fourteen other districts as far away as Dallas. The program is designed for students who desire to advance by taking additional courses or to enrich

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TTUHSC 25th Anniversary

Continued from Page 1 approach to supporting faculty development will continue to strengthen the knowledge, skills and abilities of our faculty as to better serve West Texas.

their course of study during the summer.

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The Men & Women of New Hope Baptist Church

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12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

Rev. Sonia J. Beay

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Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH
"The White People of Iowa"

There is a guy on CNN who seen balance as it relate to politics. This guy is Jack Cafferty. He has an online blog call the Cafferty File. Allow me to share with you a question he asked on September 4, 2008 and some responses. You may read the Cafferty file @http://caffertyfile.blogspot.com.

FROM CNN's Jack Cafferty: Seems like a long time ago. January 3, 2008. That night, in the dead of winter, the earth moved in Iowa.

In freezing temperatures, Iowans gathered all across the state for their caucuses. Nobody was looking for any big surprises. Hillary Clinton figured she'd win in a walk. She didn't even bother to campaign there much. But a political unknown had worked his tail off I the Hawkeye state. And when the voters were counted, an improbable journey began.

Barack Obama was on his way, given a huge tailwind by a state that is 95% white. In fact, that night on CNN I remarked that "the only place whiter than Iowa is the North Pole." And Iowan's love for the man from Illinois has remained as rock solid as their principles.

Once again Iowa is at the forefront in this presidential campaign. In the latest CNN/Time Magazine/Opinion Research Corporation poll out

yesterday, Obama has surged to a commanding 15 point lead over John McCain, 55% to 40% for John McCain. Iowa was rated a toss-up until yesterday, and with the way the electoral map is shaping up these new numbers are huge for Obama.

On CNN's electoral map, both Iowa and Minnesota have now been changed from toss-up to leaning Obama, putting the most unlikely candidate for president in our nation's history tantalizingly close to the magic electoral 270 votes needed for election. There are still eight weeks to go, but make no mistake, if Obama goes all the way, white people in Iowa will be a big part of the reason why?

Here's my question to you: How important is it that Iowa, which is 95% white, remains firmly behind Barack Obama?

Listed are some of the responses:

(Garriek) Hi Jack- that's great, at least we know they don't see color, like places like west Virginia that still have laws against blacks, it also shows he's the right candidate for the job, without being a old white guy.

(Caroline) Very! We need more like them they are very smart not to be listening to the McCain and Palin because they know it will be the same as we have had for 8 years. I'm white and will vote for Obama.

(Judie) Jack- It's important to know they grow more than corn in Iowa, they also grow intelligent people. That would be the people who know the difference between "still the same McCain and "His Pit Bull" and "The Real Deal Obama and experience."

(Kate) The reason Iowa is behind Obama is because he supports the real issues that are facing America. He supports tax cuts for middle class and poor. He supports creating American jobs and incentives for keeping jobs in America. He is a truthful leader and his words speak the truth. Race doesn't matter and it shouldn't. With the internet you can't lie anymore but I think the GOP doesn't get it because they continue to lie. I guess that makes sense since the top of their ticket doesn't even use the internet. McCain/Palin think we as Americans are ignorant. McCain/Palin is out of touch and the people of Iowa are smart enough to see it.

(Nora) These are people who are thinking about the economy, the Bush induced war, issues that are really important. They are not thinking about the color of Obama's skin and they are not listening to the Rove tactics the McCain campaign has adopted. I would say to people living in Iowa the country should follow

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Follow Jesus Not Judas"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Isaiah 58:1 - The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression.

The Lord told his disciples to preach the good news in his name. But the mess the world and the churches are in, it's nothing but a shame, shame, shame!!!

John 20:21-22 - Jesus said, peace I leave with you as my father has sent me, even so send I you. And he, breathed on them, and said unto them receive you the Holy Ghost.

Many have said, send me, and I will preach God's to the dying world. But some went Preaching another Gospel to the men, women, boys and girls!!!

Galatians 1:8 - Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

**** And Many Preachers Are Cursed!!! ****

As you know many went preaching man's rights as did Martin Luther King. But if a man is lost in his sins, his rights don't mean a Damn thing!!!

Jeremiah 23:28 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying I have a dream. I have a dream. How long shall this be in the heart of

that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, which think to cause my people to forget me, mine by their dreams.

Which they tell every man to his neighbor as their fathers have forgotten my name for B'n'd, the prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my words, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?

They didn't follow the Lord's preaching and teaching, saying mankind should be saved. But they follow another spirit, like Judas and the Lord has been betrayed!!!

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

**** Yes, The Preachers Are Robbing God!!! ****

Many love that T.V. preacher in his wild colors of fancy clothes. He preaches only to tickle their ears, and not to save their souls!!!

Romans 1:21a-23, 25 -

Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful. Professing themselves to be wise. They became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator who is Blessed forever. AMEN.

Many preachers want to be friendly so they follow the Devil just to get along. They turn away from the True Gospel of Jesus, and in their hearts they know it's wrong.

Mark 8:33-33b - Jesus said, get thee behind me Satan, for you savourest (Carest) not the things who boast of God, but the things that be of men.

The Lord doesn't want you to follow a preacher, and you now he's going wrong. So, pray and study your Bible, and the Lord will lead to where to move on!!!

John 4:23-24 - Jesus said, the hour is coming, and now is the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth. For the Father seeks such to worship him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, September 14, 2008, where the Reverend Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Jackson in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "A Humble Beginning" The scripture text was Matthew 18:25;

2:13-15. The morning lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson with much knowledge offered.

The key verse was: "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah, that shall rule my people Israel." Matthew 2:6.

The morning devotion got

underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson were in charge.

The St. Matthew's Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls.

Rev. Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was: "Standing On The Promises of God." His scripture text was Joshua 1:7-9. What a wonderful sermon presented to those in attendance.

Let us remember those who are sick and shut-in this week.

Among them this week include Brother Randall Byrd who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Let us pray for Brother Byrd.

Just think, this week, it are them, and next week it could be you or I. God is able!

Let us remember our weekly Church services: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies, 5:00 p. m. Also, Wednesday evening, Bible St Study, 5:00 p. m.; Friday evening, Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p. m. Saturday morning, Usher Meeting at 11:00 a. m.

The problems that we face each day.

Can seem too much to bear. Until we turn our eyes to Christ, And trust His tender care.

Thought of the Week: "We worship a God who is greater than our greatest problem

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This writer thought you would enjoy reading these thoughts.

Do you know why there were twelve baskets left over when Jesus fed the five thousand? He told his disciples to gather the left overs so they could see themselves that God is more than enough. There was a full basket for each of them. Don't doubt God. He's more than enough!

II - If you think you're under pressure now, you just die without Christ. Dear Brothers and Sisters, there's eternal pressure. You will never get out of it.

III - Christ never called us to a bed of roses. He called us to the cross, picks up your cross and follows him daily.

IV - Anything you have to hide to do is wrong. If it wasn't wrong, why would you have to hide??? Like those rubber bands and paper clips you smuggled in your purse from your work place.

V - Why do you lower your voice when you're gossiping???

VI - Five fold ministry of the DEVIL:

- 1 - Diseases
- 2 - Deceive
- 3 - Divide
- 4 - Distract
- 5 - Discourage & Distrust.

God will transform the Healer's life, Christians say "something."

Keep these prayers going as you drive through your community. Please pray for this nation that the right man will be elected for President of the United States of America to run this

Nation. (Just Pray Saints!)

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, and Sister Elnora

Hold On To Your Crown

Revelation 3:11, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

When God appeared to Moses as I AM THAT I AM out in the backside of the desert. He commissioned him to deliver the Hebrews from their slavery in Egypt. But Moses was fearful to take on such a task. He had no strength of his own to accomplish it. God then said to him, "What is that in thine hand, Moses?" (Exodus 4:2).

What was in his hand? A shepherd's rod. Nothing fancy. Nothing powerful. Just a simple rod he used each day to guide, prod and protect his flock. God took that plain shepherd's rod and made it a mighty weapon in Moses' hand. Whenever he stretched forth the rod mighty miracles happened. It released the plagues upon the Egyptians. It showed forth God's mighty power.

Sometimes you wonder what you are doing in your home. Your friends have high-powered careers and are raking in the money. You are trying to make ends meet from day to day. Your family remind you that you are wasting your life and your education.

But what is in your hand? It is the rod of motherhood. It may look insignificant, as Moses' rod did, but it wields a mighty

Jones, teacher.

power. Motherhood is the most powerful career in the nation. As a mother, you determine the course of the nation. You are in God's hands preparing your children for the purposes God has laid out for them before the foundation of the world. This is a top notch job. It is high powered!

Mothering is your crown. It

has been invested in you by God himself. It is your anointing of womanhood. It is your authority. Do not take off your beautiful crown of motherhood to allow someone else to mother the children God has given you. Never let your crown go. Hold on to it. Lift your head high and be proud of your divine calling.

You may be going through circumstances that cause you to feel like giving up. You feel an utter failure. This mothering business is not working out. Your children are giving you heartache. Do not give up. Do not take off your crown. Rise up in the anointing and authority that God has given you as a

mother. Do not let your circumstances rob you of your crown.

Do not let other people rob you either. Do you notice that this Scripture says that man will try to take it from you? Those who are ignorant of God's heart for children will speak negative things into your life. Those who are deceived by this world's philosophy will try to lure you away from your high calling. Do not be awayed by what people say. Do not let them take your crown. Hold on to it tightly.

Do not for a moment be intimidated by your antagonists! (Philippians 1:28)

PRAYER:

"Lord, I thank you that you have given me the crown of mothering. Help me to see that it is a crown to wear and be proud of. When I wear this crown I am walking in your perfect will. Amen."

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Obsequies

Norma Jean Thomas Davis
"Ms. Kitty"

Funeral services were held for Norma Jean Thomas Davis Friday afternoon, September 12, 2008, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where Rev. Sonni J. Scott is pastor. Officiating the services was Rev. Leon Moore, pastor of Carter Chapel CME Church.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Vincent Lewis, Robert Thomas, Danny Brigham, Larry Thomas, Jerry Thompson, Glen Thomas, Gary Berry, Joe McDaniel, and Tommy Thomas.

She passed away Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born April 26, 1940,

Lubbock Men's Sister Passes In Garland

Two Lubbock brothers, Robert and Wilbert Locke, lost a sister, Goldie Irene Locke, in Garland, Texas last Saturday morning, September 13, 2008.

She passed away at Baylor Garland Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning, September 20, 2008, at 10:00 a. m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

CHS to Host FREE Health Screening for Community

Covenant Health System will host a free health screening on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. The health screening will include:

- * Skin cancer screening
- * Dental/Oral health screening
- * Digital rectal exam/PSA's and testicular exams for men
- * Pap smears/ HPV testing and clinical breast exam for women
- * Complete metabolic panel
- * Blood pressure test
- * Mental health testing
- * STD testing voucher from the City of Lubbock Health Department
- * Lipid profile
- * Height/Weight & BMI
- * Fecal occult home test kits
- * Health education materials

There is no charge for any of the screenings, and all are welcome. Participants are reminded to fast in the morning in order to receive accurate blood panel results. While CHS recommends all screenings, participants are not required to complete each screening offered, and may choose the screenings that best suit personal health needs. For more information, call 1.866.4COVENANT.

Jessie B. Stevenson



Funeral services for Jessie B. Stevenson were held last Saturday afternoon, September 13, 2008, at Hope Deliverance Temple.

Burial was held at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

A former resident of Lubbock, Lubbock passed away Sunday, September 7, 2008 at Medical-City Dallas Hospital.

He was born December 27, 1961 in Lubbock to Helen Walker and Jessie B. Stevenson, Sr. Jessie graduated from Estacade High School. After high school he continued his education by going to Texas Trade School, from where his long term career started as a lead Maintenance Technician. He was a member of Full Circle Ministry doing work of a deacon. Jessie was a diehard Dallas Cowboy fan, win or lose.

Jessie leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Samantha Stevenson; three daughters, Phoenicia of Ft. Worth;

Eighteen Candidates Baptized Last Sunday Night At The Church of The Blessed

There were eighteen men and women baptized last Sunday evening, September 14, 2008, at the Church of The Blessed, 1808 34th Street.

They were baptized by Pastor Johnny Perez.

It was a multi-cultural and racial baptism, and there were eleven men and seven women.

What a baptism for the Church of The Blessed!

Anastasia and Akeasha of Lubbock; one son, Jessie B. Stevenson, III of Austin; his mother, Helen Thomas and step-father, Leo Thomas; two brothers, Gerald (Jill) of Lubbock and Ricky (Maria) of Dallas; three sisters, Janice (Robert) of Lubbock, Lydia (Clyde) and Lucretia (Chad), all of Dallas; three stepbrothers, Tim, Henry, and Dennis, all of Lubbock; two stepaunters, Janet (Kenneth) and Linda (Kenneth), both of Lubbock; a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives, and friends.

Health Opportunities

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Pastoral Banquet Set For Supt. W. D. Haynes October 4th

The members of the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ are excited about the upcoming Pastoral Banquet for their pastor, Supt. W. D. Haynes, on October 4, 2008 at the 50 Yard Line Restaurant, 2549 S Loop 289, beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 a couple.

For more information, call (806) 741-1466.

It is important that reservations be made by October 1, 2008.

The public is invited.

Coppage & Fullbright Reunion Successful

The Williams & Fullbright Family Reunion was held Saturday, August 30, 2008 from 10:00a - 6p m. in Crochytan.

It was held at the Crosbyton Senior Citizens Center.

The reunion was held in the memory of Mother Dorothy R. Terrell, the Lord called her home on June 8, 2008. She was the organizer of the reunion over 30 years ago. It started at her home with just her children and a couple years later the other family joined in with us. She is truly missed, but her love and dedication will inspire us to continue the tradition on.

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THIS N THAT

by C.J. Patterson

BARACK OBAMA HAS DONE WELL, AND IS STILL A WINNER! THIS N THAT ... as well as many ... **BLACKS** ... who were born to the age of ... **THIS N THAT** ... can't but be very **PROUD** ... of what this young U. S. Senator from Illinois ... **BARACK OBAMA** ... has done as he has weathered the political storm in this ... **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION** ... Really ... he could win this election ... **HANDILY** ... as former President ... **BILL CLINTON** ... has predicted ... If you are ... **BLACK** ... and grew up in Texas or West Texas ... can really relate to how it really was ... but because of those ... **FOREFATHERS** ... before us believed there would be a ... **MUCH BETTER DAY** ... and it is a young man like ... **BARACK OBAMA** ... who has made history ... regardless of the outcome of the ... **GENERAL ELECTION** ... on

November 4, 2008 ... he is still a winner ... Because ... you see ... there was no way we would have thought this would happen ... But as our ... **FOKFA-THERS** ... and ... **"JUST PUT IT IN GOD'S HANDS"** ... and things will change ... Of course it has taken time ... even 45 years since the late ... **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** ... gave his address on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. ... where over 200,000 Americans were energized ... **YES** ... the United States of America ... is in for a ... **CHANGE** ... and it will be for the better ... There is much work needed to be done ... and with your ... **HELP** ... we can get the word out to ... **ELECT A MAN** ... who looks like us ... / but will be a ... **FAIR MAN** ... for all of us as the time is right for the ... **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** ... to have a man of his caliber ... If you believe ... as former President Clinton has pre-

dicted ... **BARACK OBAMA** ... will be elected, handsly!!! Remember ... **YOUR PRECIOUS VOTE IS NEEDED!** ... **VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON DID WELL!** **THIS N THAT** ... caught the interview of ... **VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON** ... last Sunday evening over ... **KTXI-TV** (Channel 4 on Cable) ... when he gave the history of ... **THE VELVETS** ... he organized with some high school fellows from Odessa while he was an English teacher ... He told of the difficult times they had ... but they hung in there ... and the ... **VELVETS** ... made positive contributions to the ... **DO WOOP MUSIC** ... Johnson and ... **THIS N THAT** ... were roommates at Bishop College at Marshall in 1954 ... He was interviewed by ... **KENNY MAINES** ... and as interviewer ... It was a ... **VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION** ... Thanks ... **ROOM! GOD BLESS YOU!**

THINK ABOUT IT!

2008 Is The Year That Is!

by Eddie P. Richardson

This is the year that really is out and not as it really was. We have always heard people say, whatever year it was that is always was the way it was referred to this time.

It will be a while before 2008 can be referred to as the year that was. This is truly that year, 2008, that is, and it has truly been a year to really remember. Without a doubt, it has been a truly historical year and has been the longest political primary year for the national political campaign in the history of the United States of America.

No doubt about it, the tone has been set for many years to come, and just think, we were a part of this historical feat.

Just think, for the first time in the history of the United States of America, serious candidates in this time, in fact in present times, would look lowly

at the candidates, but, this time, a real unbelievable but true Black man and white woman came down to the wire in choosing the nominee for the Democratic Party for the highest office in the land. They were the winners, Barack Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton. Both are worthy of claiming such position, but only one could win. Just think, Senator Clinton had 18,000,000 votes casted her way, and that wasn't enough because of a Black who campaigned on change. Anyway, America will benefit from this outcome and will put America on the right pace for history to come.

moments, recall from whence it all came from, then make up your mind and be vertical when you do so. This will be a very important day for you and all Americans.

Pay no attention to what the conservative radio shows may say about this man, Barack Obama, just be comfortable when you lose him, that is, if its your choice.

Just think, not only in this year, 2008, a political history making one, but it is just a Biblical prophecy. There is much turmoil in the world, problems in Israel, famine in the world especially in Africa and other Third World countries, disease in the land, record making storms, pestilence in the world, and many more problems which are engulfing the entire world in which we live.

Even in Lubbock, there have been omens which we should pay close attention to them as they are needs to be a change in way business is discussed about its citizens. There needs to be a change so we can be in good stand with the Almighty.

So shall we say, the year 2008 is the year that really is!

But no matter what they may be called, both have changed the bar in the political arena, and we will all benefit from what each has done. For that, we can boast about living in the greatest country in the world -- The United States of America. Regardless of how many problems we still have, things will begin to change in the country for the better of all of us!

So when you receive information about candidates seeking this office for the November 4th General Election, just for a few

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wants to still remind those of us who live in ... **EAST LUBBOCK** ... that either a ... **BANK OR BRANCH BANK** ... is still needed ... Shall we pray together?

OUR KIDS NEED US! **THIS N THAT** ... wants to remind us that our ... **YOUNG PEOPLE** ... need us in their business ... In other words ... **HELP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY!!!**

counts and the bottom line for "Election 2008" who will best serve you for the next four years. It's most important that you cast your ballot in that direction. **THINK ABOUT IT!**
Dwight Pierce
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PENNY HASTINGS

Letter To The Editor Election 2008

"Election 2008" will be a Historical Event as it will incorporate the election of either the first Black for the highest elected office or the first female for the second highest office. It may be a record setting turnout of voters as well as the highest number of first time voters. Voting for individuals in both positions should be based on who will best serve the people.

In the time leading up to election day, we will be bombarded with all types of information from many sources. All this information will be showing how one is better than the other and how each individual is better suited for the position than the other. Each side has very sharp people creating images to persuade you to vote for their individual. As with all advertisement, what you see and hear, may not be what you get. Use jaundice eyes and ears to discard the "shuck" and retain the valued part, the part that is of benefit to you.

Do not allow skin color or gender to be a deciding factor for your vote. Make your decision based upon which individual will best meet your expectations for the next 4 years. Be an intelligent voter, one that realizes that you will see and hear a great deal of good and bad, a lot of promises and a great deal of could haves, should haves and will do's. Intelligent voters can identify fact from fiction, realize that media presentations are "cut and tape" rehearsed performances, and know the difference between what is designed to be for amusement and something for serious consideration.

It's the bottom line that who will make an outstanding contribution to the United States of America.

Again, the co-publishers and staff of the Southwest Digest apologize for this mistake!

to be investigated that concern the Republican Vice Presidential candidate as well as the state's Senator. It appears that a lot of money has been wasted in mire in the oil haven. Senator John McCain is either unaware of what has been going on, or he does not care, or on the other hand, Alaska and its Governor are just a part of the regular ongoing business as usual for a good Republican.

Needless to say, everyone is now aware that Barack Obama is now campaigning against Sarah Palin, the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate from Alaska, because she is the one who has added zest to the Republican ticket, as John McCain had already lost the race long ago. McCain's age has been against him from day one, as well as his constant agreements with the soon to be lame

duck, President George W. Bush. Thank God for the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution. The Supreme Court cannot give him another appointment!

If my some chance, Sarah Palin does become President of the United States of America, we may just be in for a 'Bridge to Nowhere!' We need to get 'in cinque' and take a really close look at Alaska and what it produces besides oil and salmon. Does our country need the kind of leadership or lack of it, which Alaska has? Do we need a fashion plate or model in the White House, or someone who is able to make decisions based on what is good for the country rather than their own private family? We need to get our priorities in order before we VOTE on November 4, 2008, fifty days from today.

Save Our Black Children: Why and How?

The saying goes, "Our children are our future", but what if our children don't outlive us? Frightening statistics tell the story. According to The American Obesity Association, 30% of kids ages 6-11 are overweight and 13% are obese, setting them up for increased risk for diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure and sleep apnea.

More notably is that sleep apnea in children in fact may be even more prevalent in African Americans because obesity, a strong risk factor, tends to be more common in this group. This is disturbing because the numbers have increased by more than 120 percent among African Americans as compared

to 50 percent among whites within a decade. So if they are suffering with these serious health challenges at age 11, will they be around to see 30, 40 or 20 even?

What is at the root of the problem? There are several root causes. Researchers at the Harvard school of public health have conducted studies showing as one reason.

Southwest Digest Apologizes For Family Photo Of Sen. Barack Obama

The Southwest Digest wants to take time and space to apologize for running the photo in last week's edition, September 4, 2008, showing a negative portrait of Senator Barack Obama's family. It was not the intent to portray this positive of a Black man who may be elected the President of the United States of America.

This photo came off the internet, and it is one example of what is being done to discredit his candidacy. He has made an outstanding contribution, and will still be standing tall when election day comes on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Let us all vote for this man.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Howard

We are experiencing storms of all kinds these days. The Fays, Gustavs, Hannas, and likes or tropical storms which have attacked our southern and eastern coasts and continue to rampage and devastate our inland and have caused crop damage and a slow down in production of everything which is grown in the regions affected are natural and occur every year at a certain time though some are more dangerous than others. No matter how weak these storms are, they always cause some physical damage even when no lives are lost. These are not the only storms brewing in the United States and their damages will affect the whole country.

The storm of concern is the political bro-in has being made by the presidential candidates' ad campaigns wherein they are making up scenarios and projecting them as truth in an attempt to ridicule and discredit each other. It makes one wonder about some of these advertisements and how their existence coincides with the kind of government they will lead once elected into office. If the campaign trail gets any hotter, some burning will take place, especially in Alaska, that cold state. There are too many things there

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Police Arrest Kanye West at LA Airport

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police say they have arrested Kanye West at Los Angeles International Airport on suspicion of vandalism after an altercation with a photographer.

Police also arrested West's bodyguard shortly before 8 a.m. on Thursday.

Airport spokesman Marshall Lowe says early reports are that West got into an altercation with a commercial photographer and



a camera valued at more than \$10,000 was broken.

The incident happened before West and his manager, who was not identified, cleared a security screening at the airport.

Lowe says police are continuing to interview witnesses and West may be booked later this morning.

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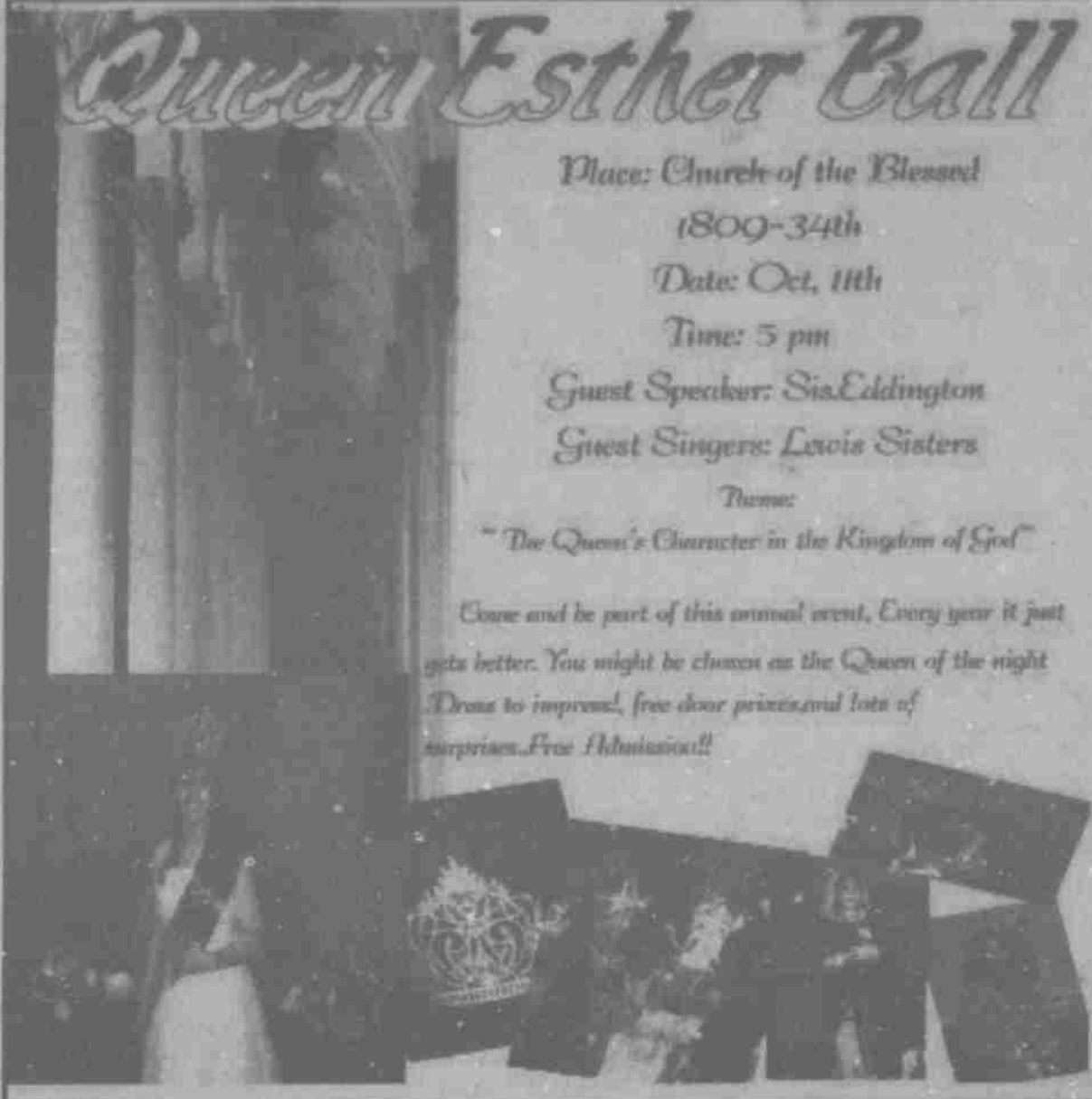
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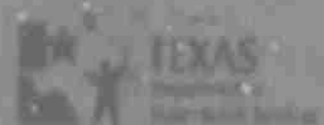
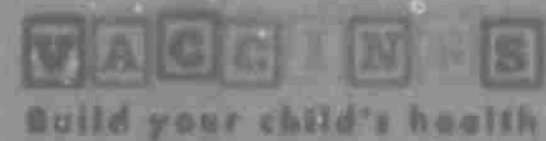
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O.J. Simpson Jury Neither His Dream Nor Nightmare

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It is not the jury of O.J. Simpson's dreams, but neither does it sleep up to be his nightmare.

The all-white jury that on Monday will begin judging him and a co-defendant on robbery and kidnapping charges was culled from an initial pool of 500 who answered questionnaires, and the remaining dozens who were later quizzed in the courtroom.

Prosecutors removed two prospective African-American jurors with their challenges.

Simpson's lawyers managed to eliminate those with the strongest opinions about his 1995 acquittal on murder charges. Prospective jurors who said Simpson got away with murder have been thanked and told to go home.

The ones who remained when jury selection ended late Thursday night said they could put aside any residual opinions about the slaying of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"All in all, I can't imagine that an all-white jury is what O.J. or his lawyers were hoping for," said Michael Shapiro, a New York defense lawyer who has followed the Las Vegas case and provided commentary during Simpson's 1995 murder acquittal in Los Angeles.

Most of the jury members said they didn't care that much about Simpson's "Trial of the Century" when it was televised gavel to gavel.

"One woman who said she had a toddler and a job at the time said, "I had my own drama going on in my life."

All the panelists said they won't let Simpson's earlier case influence them when they judge him and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart on allegations that they robbed two sports collectibles brokers at gunpoint a year ago in a Las Vegas casino



hotel room. Each man could face life in prison with the possibility of parole if convicted of kidnapping, and mandatory prison time if convicted of armed robbery.

"These 12 jurors are really going to have to rise to the occasion," Simpson lawyer Yale Galanter said Friday. "They

must set aside their feelings about O.J. Simpson and judge him on what they see in the courtroom."

"Would I rather have had a more diverse group? Absolutely. But I do have faith in the system," he said.

Rev. D. A. Smith

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(Dave) I don't think it matters much. How many people in Iowa again. That's not even enough to cancel out the millions of radical religious right wingers.

(cy gardner) I'm 100% white (I'm pretty sure) and I support Sen. Obama. What's the big deal?


(Pat) That a dream has finally come true, that a man can be judge by the content of his character and not the color of his skin. And also Iowans do understand how Bush has destroyed the economy of this beautiful country we live in.

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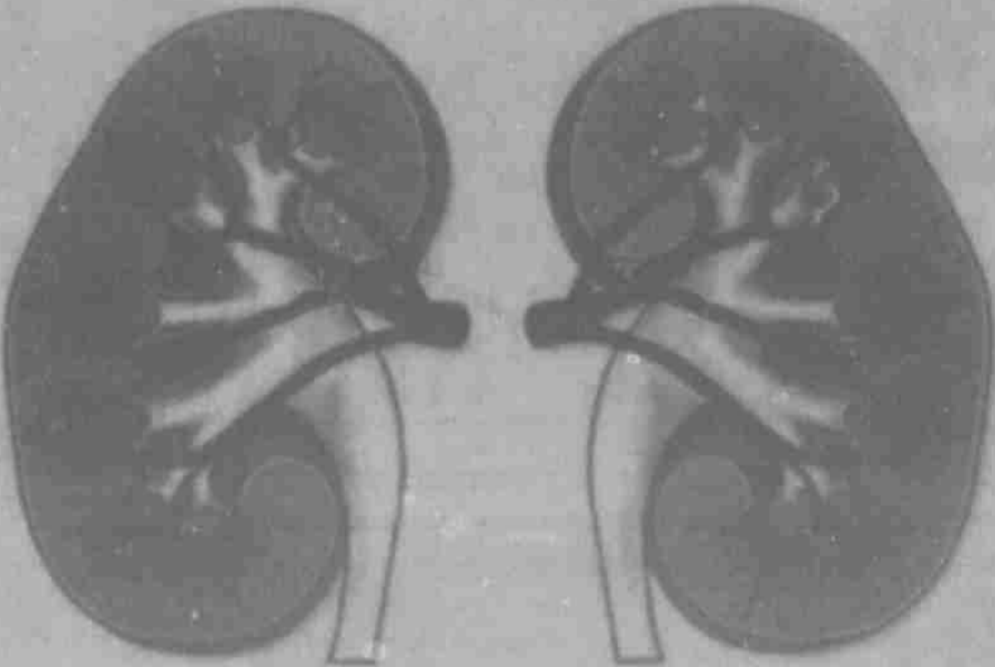
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Him in spirit and in truth. Many are playing Church with the spirit they had when they were in the clubs. They haven't given their Heart to Christ, and him they don't love!!!



Jeremiah 9:23-24 -- The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory, let him glory in this that he understands and knows me that I am The Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these I delight said the Lord.



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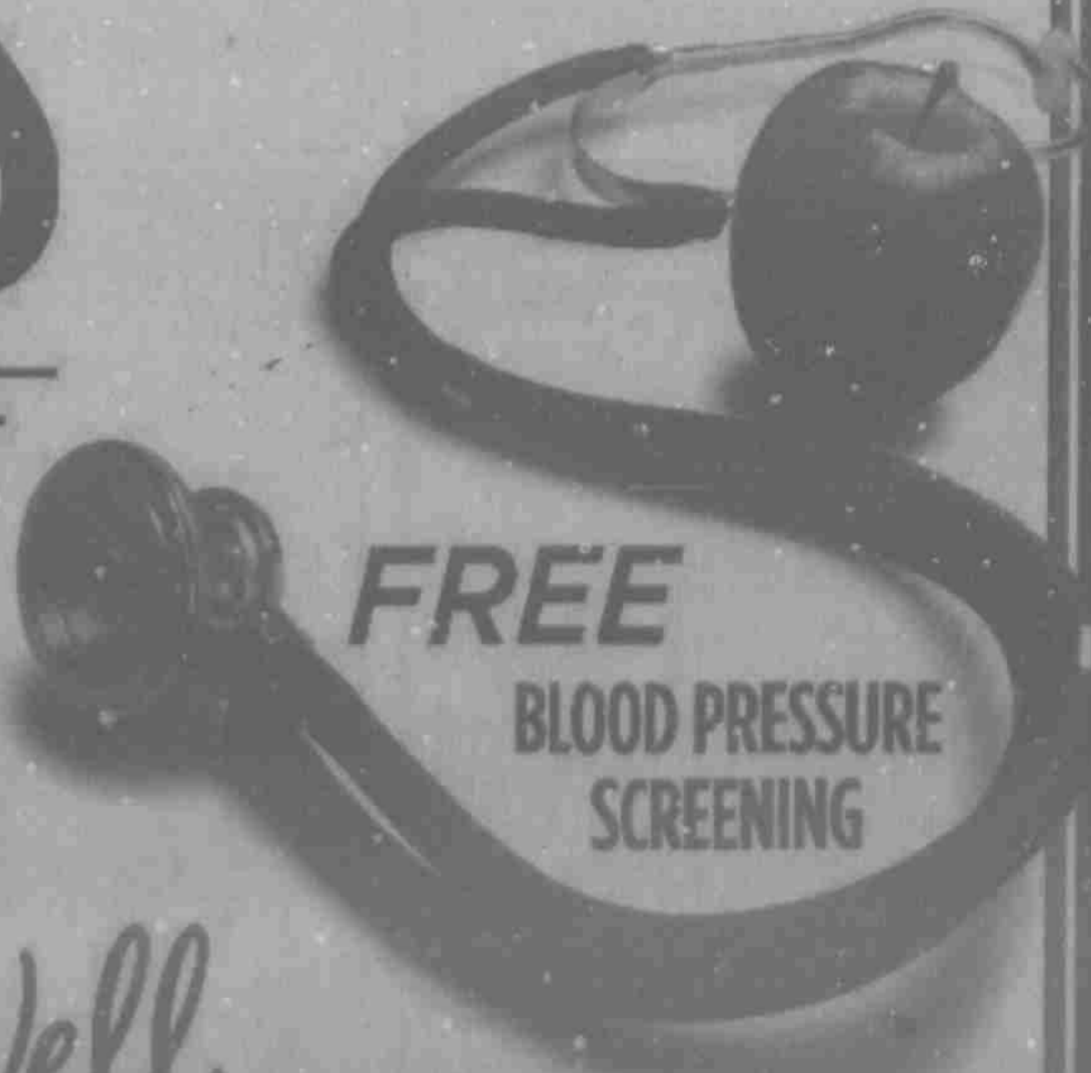
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