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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 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815

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

• 11th City Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

• Dandar 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 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center

• Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center

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

• West Texas Native American Association Pot 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 Juvenile Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

• West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm

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

• The Parkway Quilts & Cherry-Pink Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary

• Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Center

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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## "At Mae Simmons Community Center" Youth Story Telling Concert



More than two hundred people came out the weekend, August 8 & 9, 2008, to hear participants in the Great Stories Academy Youth Telling Concert at the Mae Simmons Community Center share character-building stories and sing songs of praise. Roots Historical Arts Council and the City of Lubbock's Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the event.

## Lubbock ISD Announces Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program

The Lubbock Independent School District today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school as well as central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing household of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for the children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Food Stamps/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application. Households that do not list a Food Stamp/TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None", "No Number", or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Free and Reduced Clerk will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to:

Traci Robertson, Executive Director of Purchasing and Contract Service, 1628 19th Street, Lubbock Texas, 79401, (806) 766-1098.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the Free and Reduced Clerk. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below levels shown.

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### School Starts Monday!

The school bells will ring Monday morning, August 25, 2008. Let us be very careful when driving to and fro in the community, because our young people will be excited.

Visit a school this year! It will mean so much!

was one of the participants in the audition. 22 performers from all over West Texas were chosen (1 comedy act and 21 singing acts), and Ms. Carter one of them. Each singer performed one song, which was chosen by Mr. Don Caldwell.

The perfect selection was definitely given to Vanessa as she sang a rendition of "Summertime" by Fantasia to a packed house and went on to win 1st place. The win gives her six hours of free recording time at Don Caldwell Production Studios. Who knows! One of these days we might see her name on the big charts. Ms. Carter is a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and is employed by PlasmaCapital Corporation in Lubbock, Texas and currently serves as the President Elect for the Lubbock Society for Human Resource Management Chapter 186.

Vanessa would also like to thank her family and friends that were there to support her, as well as those that sent up prayers, but could not make it.

## Vanessa Carter Wins At Cactus Theater In Competition



Vanessa Carter & Don Caldwell

Don Caldwell Productions and The Cactus Theater were in search of actors and musicians for the Cactus New Talent Showcase Concert competition that was held on Friday night,



## Actor and Comedian Bernie Mac Dies at Age 50

CHICAGO (AP) — Bernie Mac, the actor and comedian who teamed up in the casino heist caper "Ocean's Eleven" and gained a prestigious Peabody Award for his sitcom "The Bernie Mac Show," died Saturday at age 50.

Actor/comedian Bernie Mac passed away this morning from complications due to pneumonia in a Chicago area hospital, his publicist, Darnice Smith, said in a statement from Los Angeles.

The comedian suffered from sarcoidosis, an inflammatory lung disease that produces tiny lumps of cells in the body's organs, but had said the condition went into remission in 2005. He recently was hospitalized and treated for pneumonia, which his publicist said was not related to the disease.

Recently, Mac's brand of comedy caught him flack when he was heckled during a surprise appearance at a July fundraiser for Democratic presidential candidate and fellow Chicagoan Barack Obama.

Toward the end of a 10-minute standup routine, Mac joked about menopause, sexual infidelity and promiscuity, and used occasional crude language. The performance earned him a rebuke from Obama's campaign.

But despite controversy or difficulties, in his words, Mac was always a performer.

"Wherever I am, I have to play," he said in 2002. "I have to put on a good show."

Mac worked his way to Hollywood success from an

impoverished upbringing on Chicago's South Side. He began doing standup as a child, and his film career started with a small role as a club doorman in the Damon did on "The Bernie Mac Show," but "he took it to a new level."

"It was such a popular show because of his bigger-than-life persona," Reiner said.

His turn with Ashton Kutcher in 2005's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" — with Mac as the black dad who's shocked that his daughter is marrying a white man.

Mac also had starring roles in "Bad Santa," "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" and "Transformers."

The comedian drew critical and popular acclaim with his Fox television series "The Bernie Mac Show," which aired more than 100 episodes from 2001 to 2006.

The series about a man's adventures raising his sister's three children, won a Peabody Award in 2002. At the time, judges wrote they chose the sitcom for transcending "race and class while lifting viewers with laughter, compassion — and cool."

In real life, he was very much like his character on that series, his daughter, Je'nicole Childress, told The Associated Press on Saturday.

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## Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott Celebrates Their 60th Wedding Anniversary August 20th



Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Jr.

The Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Jr. celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, August 20th. Scott and the former Fearing Widler were married August 20, 1948 in Lubbock.

They are the parents of Linda Robinson of Tinkah, Pat Adams of Houston, Frances Longtin of Arlington, and Edwin Scott, Jr. of Lubbock. They have 13 grand children and five great grand children.

They will tell you with the help of God, anything is possible. Just keep His in everything you do and it will be alright! Congratulations Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Jr. for 60 years of marriage!

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let us beware school bells will be ringing on Monday morning, August 25, 2008. Our young people will be excited about going to and fro, so as drive throughout the community, let's be extra careful about our driving to our various.

When you see a young person going to school on Monday, wish them the very best and encourage them to stay in school.

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The Buddy Holly Center is pleased to present John Mueller's Buddy Holly History

& Sing-A-Long Workshop on Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. This workshop is free and open to the public. John Mueller, professional Buddy Holly impersonator, will be at the BHC to help celebrate Buddy's 72nd birthday.

Come join in the fun as John presents a history of Buddy Holly, including his musical influences and style. Learn more about Buddy's most famous songs and some of his lesser-known ones as well. Bring your guitar, sing along

with your favorite Buddy Holly tunes or just sit back and enjoy the celebration of the life and music of Buddy Holly.

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The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, August 24, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the host pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

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Church services got underway last Sunday morning, August 17, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services began with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post singing out of their hearts. After prayer and scripture, the New Hope Baptist Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Your Obedience To The Word Will Cause The Promise To Be Manifest." His scripture text was Joshua 3:1-17.

After the discipleship, Sister Elaine Lindsey read the morning announcements. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Totsy Bass.

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Let us continue to visit those in our community who are sick and shut-in.  
God is able!

do and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven.  
**Matthew 5:13-16**

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, August 17, 2008, Services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Johnson is the pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson titled: "A Maturing Life", Hebrew 5:11-6:12.

The question to ask is: Why do I need to grow spiritually?

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted praise team leading the way with songs, scripture & prayer. What a devotion it was.

The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee with the responsive reading coming from Psalm 46: 1-11.

The Senior Choir marched in the choir stands singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." They also sang "Standing In The Need" and "Lord, We Will Make A Way".

Rochelette Hood read all the

announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: "It's Later Than You Think." Luke 12:16&23.

After the sermon, the choir sang "I'll Fly Away."

Angela Johnson acknowledged all the visitors who were present.

Continue to pray for those that are on our prayer/sick list also those that are in our community surrounding counties and the leaders of this country.

Let's continue to come out for the weekly meetings & help support one another.

Last Sunday afternoon, the Ordination for the Deacons of New Light was held. Rev. H. K. Thomas brought the message and the service was well attended.

**Scripture For The Week:**  
Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a can-

## 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

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## FASHION FUN

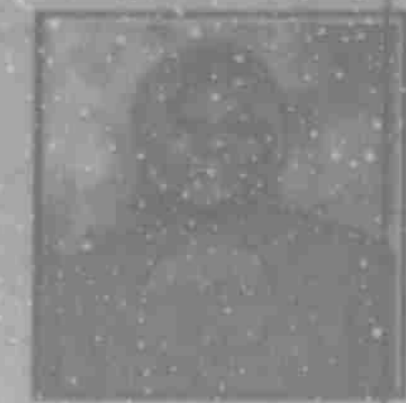
by Shirley Robinson

### FOR THE LENGTH OF IT

That's right ladies, 72 inch necklaces are back. Long, sexy and very much in style. It's the rolling twenties all over again!

That simple black dress of yours will look fantastic with beautiful pearls, colorful beads and silver or gold link chains. JUST REMEMBER TO KEEP THEM LONG, VERY LONG.

Fashion tip...always wear a smile



Fashion...just for the fun of it

## Singer, Songwriter Isaac Hayes Dies at Age 65

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Isaac Hayes, the pioneering singer, songwriter and musician whose relentless "Theme From Shaft" won Academy and Grammy awards, died Sunday afternoon, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office said. He was 65.

A family member found him unresponsive near a treadmill and he was pronounced dead an hour later at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis, according to the sheriff's office. The cause of death was not immediately known.

In the early 1970s, Hayes laid the groundwork for disco, for what became known as urban-contemporary music and for romantic crooners like Barry White. And he was rapping before there was rap.

His career hit another high in 1997 when he became the voice of Chef, the sensible school cook and devoted ladies man on the animated TV show "South Park."

Steve Shular, a spokesman for the sheriff's office, said authorities received a 911 call after Hayes' wife and young son and his wife's cousin returned home from the grocery store and found him collapsed in a downstairs bedroom. A sheriff's deputy administered CPR until paramedics arrived.

"The treadmill was running but he was unresponsive lying



Isaac Hayes

on the floor," Shular said.

The album "Hot Buttered Soul" made Hayes a star in 1969. His shaven head, gold chains and sunglasses gave him a compelling visual image.

"Hot Buttered Soul" was groundbreaking in several ways: He sang in a "cool" style unlike the usual histrionics of big-time soul singers. He prefaced the song with "raps," and the numbers ran longer than three minutes with lush arrangements.

"Jocks would play it at night," Hayes recalled in a 1999 Associated Press interview. "They couldn't go to the bathroom, they could get a sandwich, or

whatever."

Next came "Theme From Shaft," a No. 1 hit in 1971 from the film "Shaft" starring Richard Roundtree.

"That was like the shot heard round the world," Hayes said in the 1999 interview.

At the Oscar ceremony in 1972, Hayes performed the song wearing an eye-popping amount of gold and received a standing ovation. TV Guide later chose it as No. 18 in its list of television's 25 most memorable moments. He won an Academy Award for the song and was nominated for another one for the score. The song and score also won him two Grammys.

"The rappers have gone in and created a lot of hit music based upon my influence," he said. "And they'll tell you if you ask."

Hayes was elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

"I knew nothing about the business, or trends and things like that," he said. "I think it was a matter of timing. I didn't know what was unfolding."

A self-taught musician, he was hired in 1964 by Stax Records of Memphis as a back-up pianist, working as a session musician for Otis Redding and others. He also played saxophone.

He began writing songs, establishing a songwriting partnership with David Porter, and in the 1960s they wrote such hits for Sam and Dave as "Hold On, I'm Coming" and "Soul Man."

All this led to his recording contract.

In 1972, he won another Grammy for his album "Black Moses" and earned a nickname he reluctantly embraced. Hayes composed film scores for "Tough Guys" and "Truck Turner" besides "Shaft." He also

## The Andy Foundation



Andy was a bright loving young boy. He was a blessing to all who knew him. His innocent smile would steal your heart.

He was raised and dearly loved by his grandparents Roy and Mungie. Andy was a miracle child and true warrior. He was challenged with serious and persistent brain illness. By the age of six he had already undergone 11 surgeries and two eye surgeries, but that didn't stop him from being an Honor Student. He was loved by his teacher and principal. Andy was deeply committed to education. He attended Dupre Elementary

## Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church's Homecoming Services Set

Station - The Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor its Church Homecoming August 30 & 31, 2008. The theme is: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1.

On Saturday, August 30th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., there will be indoor-outdoor activities on the Church grounds and cafeteria. Adults is \$15, children \$10.00.

Sunday, August 31st, services will begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship will start at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be served for \$2.00 after church services.

Rev. C. C. Peoples, Sr. is pastor.

All are invited to attend this Celebration.

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Intercessory Prayer 8:30 am  
Church School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am

### Wednesday Services

Bible Study  
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

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FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH  
"The Uncertainty in America"

WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"God's Ways Are Not Our Ways"

Part 3

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, II - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

We live in a troubled world. Each day it appears to be becoming more violent. The majority of Americans just do not seem to be able to get along. The state of our nation is one of uncertainty. We are in an economic crisis. People are losing their jobs, homes, their economic "nest-egg" and the idea of moving up the economic and social rung appears to have become elusive. The lives of little children are taken more frequently by parents who cannot stand the pressure of raising their young-people who have forsaken the thought of being responsible parents for a 30 seconds drug high.

If this is not enough, we are in a time of political uncertainty. After more than four hundred years of bowing in and kissing the brass cuff of a European social, economic and political heel, the people of the United States of America have a chance at the voters booth to make a change in America's negative behavior. How this plays out, only God's knows! He is the only one who knows if there is a real political negative that could shake the very foundation of America and bring a country whose foundation is presently overwhelmed by a debt to China, India and other foreign nation who would joy in seeing America's demise or being

reduce to a third world status. Less than a month ago, stealthily, America was challenged by an old foe: Russia-at America's southern borders, 90 miles from the mainland. Russia's leader went to Cuba and promised economic aid, the building of and expanding plants and commerce in Cuba. This perhaps seems almost humanitarian. However, Russia sides with China in its economic war against the American worker.

It almost seems that Russia wants to challenge the United States again to reclaim its glory. For example it is reported that Russia battled Georgian forces on the land and sea last week and Russia claims to have sunk a Georgian boat that was trying to attack Russian vessels in the Black Sea, and Georgian officials said Russia sent tanks from South Ossetia into Georgia proper, heading toward a strategic city before being turned back. Russian planes was said to have bombed an area near the Georgian capital's airport.

Georgia is a United States ally and it began flying 2000, Georgian troops home from Iraq after Georgia recalled the soldiers following the outbreak of fighting with Russia. The decision was said to be a payback in kind for the former Soviet Republic that has been a staunch

U. S. supporter and agreed to send troops to Iraq as part of the U.S.-led coalition. Georgia was the third-largest contributor of coalition forces after the U. S. and Britain, and most of its troops were station near the Iranian border in southeast Iraq.

It appears as if the Lord is saying to America, "you need to get your house in order." Could the handwriting be on the wall and Americans are not able to read the writing? Will young Americas help change the 400 years that African Americans have suffered under a European heel? On the other hand, is America headed the direction of the former Soviet Union in 1992? Will Mexico reclaim its land? Will the French be awarded old Louisiana territory? Will the Asians demand a payback for the way their ancestry was treated?

The way America presents its self in the next few months will determine its future!



Isaiah 55:9 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, and the Lord is higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Now there was a mighty man of war named Na'N-Man, and he had leprosy. And the King of Syria sent him to God's preacher, saying, he will heal thee.

II Kings 5:5 - And the King of Syria said, go, go, go and I will send a letter unto the King of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment (Suits).

\*\*\*Today's Preachers: They Would Sure Like To Have Had Him Come To Them!!!\*\*\*

He took the gold and silver, and fine clothes with him he was to pay. But the Preacher Elisha didn't even come to the door, but said, jump in the lake!

II Kings 5:10-11 - Elisha sent a messenger unto him (Na'N-Man), saying, go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean. But Na'A-Man was mad, and went away, and said, behold, I thought he would surely come

out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

No doubt, Na'a-Man wanted him to lay hands on him, and say, I Ku-See-Ka-San. But God's ways are not always our ways. The laying on of the hands!!

Verses 14, 15b & 16 - Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God, and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child. He was clean (Healed), and he said, Behold, I know there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel. Now therefore, I pray you, take a blessing of your servant. But he said, as the Lord lives, before who I stand, I will receive none, and he urged him to take it, but he refused.

\*\*\* That Is Not Like Today's Preachers!!! \*\*\*

(Now days in most cases, you got to have money to pay for a healing: Not to pray for it, but pay for it. Like the man in the Book of Acts had his hand out. Now a days it's the Preachers who have their hands out: Send me this kind of money - Let's raise this kind of money. I'm told by a man who said, he was told to put \$45 in an envelope. He was asked if he put in

the \$45, and he said - Not - And the Preacher eased him on down the line without prayer).

Matthew 10:8 - Jesus said, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils. Freely you have received, Freely give!!

\*\*\* Will A Preacher Rob God??? \*\*\*

Acts 3:2 & 6 - A certain man lame from his Mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called beautiful, to ask for alms (Money) of them who give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

And then there was hard headed Jonah, laying around. God said, get up and go! But the Preacher didn't like the people. So he went the other way, saying, "No!!!"

Jonah 1:1-2 & 3b - Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah, the Son of A-Mit-tal, saying, arise, go. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tar'Shish from the presence of the Lord.

\*\*\* Yes, A Preacher Will Rob God!!! \*\*\*

Isaiah 55:10-11 - The Lord said, his watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant. They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark. Sleeping, lying

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 4th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, August 17, 2008, where the proud pastor and leader is Rev. Edward Canady.

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 "Thoughtful Speech" The scrip-

ture text was James 2:1-13. The lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson it was. It was the word.

The key verse was: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." James 3:10

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Sister Ethel Williams and Brother Randall Byrd in charge.

A continuation of prayer was done by Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing it was to be in their presence as they sang God's praises.

Rev. Monty Smith delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "What's In Your Past?" What a great question.

What a wonderful message for all in attendance!

Remember all who are sick and shut-in this week. Just think it could very well be you and I this week. God is able!

Let's remember our weekly Church Services: On Wednesday evening - Mission Ladies, 5:00 p. m. Also Wednesday evening, Bible Study, 6:00 p. m.

Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

The power of darkness have blinded the races, Closing our eyes to the glories of grace, But faith in the Savior

**We Print Letters!**  
If you have something to say that you believe is important, then write a letter to the Southwest Digest. We'll publish it!

brings healing and sight - He floods our souls with His truth and His light.

**Thought For The Week:** "Satan has many tools, but deception is the handle that fits them all."

If you are looking for a

Church Home, then come and visit with the members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church, you will be glad you did so.

Our doors are always open to anyone who will visit our Church.

Remember, God loves you!

### Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hezzie Nichols at 2119 64th Street, on Saturday morning, August 9, 2008. All had a faith filled meeting. Devotion was led by Sister Nichols. The morning scripture was taught by Rev. Hunter. The morning scriptures were Isaiah 30:19, Jeremiah 29:12-13, Jonah 2:2, Job 19:7, Rebecca 2:2-9, Luke 18:1-8, Job 42, II Timothy 2:12 & Luke 4:18-19.

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the of the Lord. You should have been there to hear this God's man.

Expounding on the lesson were Brother Hezzie, Sister Beulah Willis, Sister Elvora Jones, and Sister Annie McBride.

Words of inspiration by President Luella Spence, and others.

What a glorious morning it was.

Let us try to make plans to meet with the members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast who meet with us next month. We are only about prayer! So let's make plans to come.

As we will pray Together! Remember, our Lord cares for you, and it's free for the asking. Just try Jesus!

We are praying for all the sick and bereaved, people. Keep us in your prayers!

We are truly blessed to have our blessed to have this branch of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast working hard in the community. You see it takes all of God's children, to do His will. It will not be easy, but with faith, anything is possible.

We're just proud of what is happening in our community.

So if you want to be a part of what we are doing, please attend one of our meetings. You will be blessed!

Sister Luella Spence, President of Outreach Prayer Breakfast, No. 3; Sister Dorothy Hood, Reporter; and Sister Carrie Wheeler, Acting Secretary.

Keep reading this column each week!

### Lubbock Man Publishes Book



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# Obsequies



**Robert Anderson, Jr.**

Funeral services were held for a longtime resident, Robert Anderson, Jr., Monday afternoon, August 11, 2008, at the Friendship Holy Baptist Church, with Bishop Forest Mann, Sr. officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Michael Ashcraft, Jr., Brandon Brooks, Leander Johns, Lester Wayne Griffin, Tyrone Brooks and Jesse Johns.

Honorary pallbearers were W. T. Phenix, O.B. Brooks, Charles Anderson, Zacchaeus Ashcraft, T. J. Patterson, Sr., Don Jones, Vernon Anderson and Timothy Hunter.

He was born July 10, 1916 to the parents of Robert and Anna Willis Anderson in DaVilla, Texas.

The family moved to Taylor, Texas from Ft. Worth where he attended public schools and graduated from Taylor High School.

He moved to Lubbock in 1938 where he met and married Jessie Mae Petersen, and to this union a daughter, Gloria, was born. He later met and married April Rose Hobdy, and parented a child, Norma Faye.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythian Lodge.

Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his wife, April Rose Anderson; daughter, Gloria; brothers: Winfred, McKinley, Orlean, T. F., William Turner, and sisters: Florine, Tishie, Felicia and Irene Willis.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted daughter, Norma Faye Anderson-Ashcraft (Heaman); grandsons: Michael, Jr. and Zacchaeus; great-granddaughter, Da'Kyla Bern ice, all of Richmond, Virginia; nephews: Charles Anderson (Jewel), T. J. Patterson (Bobbie), both of Lubbock; Julius C. Graves, III of Midland; Elder Leroy Cleaver (Gloria), Lucky Cleaver, both of Wichita Falls; Emanuel Cleaver of San Francisco, California; nieces: Ann Mae Gilmore of Austin, Dorothy Sanford of California, Leomas Mann (Forrest) of Lubbock, Roversa Mitchell and Evelyn Johnson, both of Wichita Falls.

A special 'Niece', Brenda Griffin; special 'daughter' and 'granddaughter' Gayle (Vernon) and Lakisha (Lester) Hastings of Lubbock; and host of other relatives and loved ones.



**John Larry Hollins**

On July 27, 1949, John Larry was born to John D. and Ruby (Johnson) Hollins in Merit. After moving to Lubbock, he graduated from Dunbar High School.

John Larry joined the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam. On March 1, 1980, John Larry married Roberts Robinson, and they had two children. After first working as an Industrial Radiographer, Level II, John Larry received his Associate Degree from South Plains College in Radiologic Technology, becoming an X-ray Technician. He was a member of the Church of God and Christ. John Larry passed on August 13, 2008.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, August 19, 2008, at the W. W. Rix Chapel with Reverend Ruthie Planks officiating.

Interment was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.



**Eddie Joe Giddens, Sr.**

Eddie Joe Giddens, Sr., 68, of Decatur, Ga., formerly of Lubbock, passed away in Decatur on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

He was born January 13, 1940 in Red River County of Clarkville. He was the youngest child of the late Wash and Ester Hurd Giddens. Eddie moved to Lubbock at the age of 13 and attended Lubbock public schools.

Eddie married Ruby Jewel Williams in 1958. He was the father of three children, David Wayne Giddens, Angelia K. Giddens Dunn, and the late Eddie Joe Giddens, Jr. Eddie has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He has one sister, Florida Bell Woodard, and was preceded in death by nine brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon, August 17, 2008, at the Parkway Church of Christ.

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



**Sylvester Robinson**

Sylvester "Tinky" Robinson, 63, of Lubbock passed away Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, at his residence.

He was born June 30, 1945, in Centerville to Zenobia and Frankie Robinson.

Sylvester graduated from Dunbar High School, then he went to Lubbock Christian University and later joined the Army.

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon, August 15, 2008, at Agape Temple.

Burial was held at Englewood Cemetery Slaton. Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.



**Leslie Dann Johnson**

Slaton - Leslie Dann Johnson, 32 of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at her residence.

She was born March 15, 1976 to Bobbie and Rick Turner

of Lubbock. She moved to Slaton a year later with Vernon and Joyce Robinson, who were her loving parents. She graduated from Slaton High School in 1994. She attended college in Arlington and returned to Lubbock to start a career in customer service and communication. She attended South Plains College where she received certifications as a nurse aide and medication assistant.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, August 18, 2008, at Triumph Baptist Church in Slaton.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

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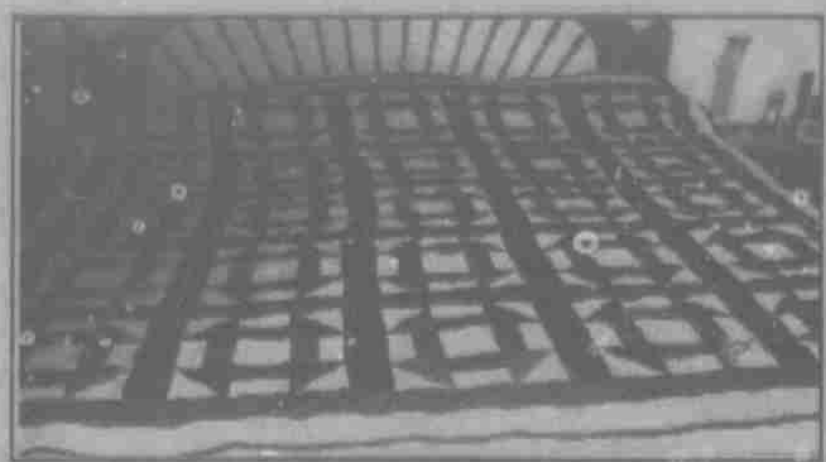
## THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**SCHOOL DOORS WILL OPEN MONDAY! THIS N THAT** ..... is asking all of us who drive to and fro from their various work stations or bus-

ness situations as well as those who are shopping to very careful ..... while driving next Monday morning and afternoon ..... **AUGUST 25, 2008** ..... at the ..... **SCHOOL BELLS**

### Quilts For Sale



A quilting design called the "Monkey Wrench" was pieced by Willie Atkins, and quilted by OP's Machine Quilting. This quilt consists of three colors, namely; Maroon & White which represents Dunbar's true colors, and Black representing the Black Panther. Tickets are being sold by Joe Phea, Jr. All proceeds are donated to the Dunbar International Alumni Association.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

We have long suffered anguish and lamented over the state of our teenaged off-springs. We have watched with careful eyes, given thoughtful advice, mentored and prayed that our young ones would come through the dangerous teenaged years on their way to adulthood as successful individuals with positive contribution to society

and mankind. Some of our actions regarding teenagers have taken a hold and we now see more of this group of young people getting into higher education. We by no means have saved them all, but we can take credit for making a dent in the shell of evil which too often surrounds them. The alarming situation now is the number of pre-school aged and elementary school aged children who are dying because of neglect of some kind, or are being killed for no known and never any good reason. Any given day, one can pick up a newspaper or listen to the news on the television or radio and hear about some child, and race is not a factor, dying due to parental neglect or being

abducted, abused and killed. Rarely, are the missing children found alive. Is there a need for parents to have courses in child rearing at various stages of life? I have always felt that this was a necessity; during pregnancy, the pre-school years, the elementary years and high school years. Parents need education to avoid the pitfalls of childrearing. Today, having common sense is just not enough to successfully raise a child and keep him safe, healthy and happy. Our children are our future. How and what they learn depends on us, the adults. The responsibility of rearing a child rests with the parents. When parents fail in their responsibility, they are usually referred to a social service agency. Too often, neighbors feel that what goes on is none of their business, but the business of safety of our children is everybody's business. When I see a child being mistreated anywhere, I will speak up and out to the adult in charge. I have been told to mind my own business a number of times, but the children's protective service social worker in me will not let me be quiet. Social work agencies in all states need to make sure that their workers are doing their jobs. I have worked with case-workers who refused to get out of bed on cold below zero days to make that home visit and maybe call a client to make a contact note and not get caught doing wrong, but there are children dying every day because of this kind of neglect. Agencies have become lax in their operations and as a result, workers are not visiting, parents though under agency care, continue to be neglectful and children die.

## THINK ABOUT IT!

It Has To Come From Within!!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

For our long overlooked and denied communities to become the competitive positive show-cases that they should be the leadership and initiative must come from within the immediate community lead by aggressive people from the community itself no one else can lead us where we should go for us by us. Every tribe through out history that was led to freedom, out of bondage, to the promised land or even a better way of life including Moses.

For us to lead our red lined, back burnered, omitted and over looked etc. communities out of our economic situation we can not sit around waiting on some one else to do for

THAT ..... is most appreciative! ..... Anyway ..... THIS N THAT ..... Hopes we will drive careful ..... beginning on Monday morning!!

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We need to get 'in cinque' and report neglect to the social  
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as what we should be doing for our selves sure we do not have the resources sure we do not have the knowledge in many cases, sure we do not have the connections, to solve our problems we must partner with others that want to see all of us off the relief rolls and on the tax rolls this helps every one collectively.

The first step in building and rebuilding our communities from within starts with educating our money by teaching it to go where it is respected and appreciated teach it to go to merchants that support the community and stay away from merchants that refuse to support the community if the merchant lives in the community or not WE must be especially watchful of the ones in the community and live across town refuse to support the community make the money and take it all across town. On the other hand if the merchant lives in the community and not support it keep your money from him also.

The next thing is we need to learn to love, trust, and respect each other and most important is we have to learn to be competitive at the market place with our goods and services, we

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should always use each other when at all possible but on the other hand we have to be and do first class professional services in short cuts, no taking full credit a professional job of service is always demanded when this is done every thing will be better for all concerned the whole story goes back to love trust and respect.

To make our communities what we want them to be and what they should be we must all work together collective on one accord to make our community a better place collective for the good of all of us those that are working for the good of the community we must work with them and support them. ON the other hand those that are not working for the good of the community must and should be exposed no matter their their place or standing in the community as the old saying goes if you are not apart of the solution you are a part of problem

about it ..... it is needed at this day and time. Yes ..... either a ..... **BANK OR BRANCH BANK** ..... Is needed in our community. **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING** ..... doesn't mean a ..... **THING** ..... It's the end that ..... **REALLY COUNTS!**" **REGISTER & VOTE IN NOVEMBER 2008!**

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## Minter & Reed Reunion 16th Family Reunion Held In Lubbock July 16th

*(Editor's Note: This is the second of three parts of the Minter & Reed Families who celebrated their 16th Annual Reunion in Lubbock.)*

Everyone looked so relaxing and calm in their T-Shirts. All were thankful to have those who were responsible for preparing their favorite dish and those delicious baked desserts. All were so proud of those cooks who prepared the delicious meals. Everyone was fed. Their appetites were full and satisfied.

The annual presentation of the plaque was passed from Aunt Lorine Minter to Effie Nelson. The plaque is in its final destination to her daughter. For the past seven years, the plaque was passed in honor of their Sister Emma Jean Benson.

On December 4, 2003, their uncle, Huland August Benson, life was taken. The family is still praying one day the person or persons responsible for this death will be caught. We need help from the City of Lubbock and the Lubbock Police Department. In five more months, it will be five years. At this time, the case is still pending. Our family members want some relief also. Family members missed the presence of family members who were unable to attend the 2008 Reunion. May God bless you to attend the 2009 Reunion.

Gerakline Scott was the oldest family member this year. Uncle Willie L. Minter and family, we want you all to know we sent out prayers in honor of our cousin, Pam Minter. We love you and did miss you this year. She is in God's hands. Jehovah is the final doctor.

Anthony Thomas, we want you to know we missed you as well, and love you! God hears your prayers. God is able!



*Pictured are some very excited members of the Minter & Reed families who were in Lubbock for the Family Reunion in July. All expressed a wonderful time while in the "Hub City." All expressed being in attendance next year.*



*Pictured above is Effie Nelson with her arms outstretched as she welcomes members of the Minter & Reed families during their family reunion in July. She will tell what a wonderful all had.*

Congratulations to our new members in the family in 2008. Harlem Gilbert, A'Maya Eddington, grandmother; Katherine Gilbert, 2 girls, great-grandmother.

Congratulations Amberia Lynn William, Keith Latrell McGaha, Marshay Louis McGaha, Trey Vanc Santos, J Sean Jararism; four boys and one girl, Margallene Thomas. She turned great-grandmother

again this year.

Congratulations Jerry Glen Pierce, Jr. He graduated from Estacado High School. He plans to attend South Plains College for a year. Then, he plans to transfer to Texas Tech University. Jerry also received two scholarships from Eastern New Mexico.

Congratulations Latelesteisha Raven. She graduated from Central High School.

She plans to attend college in San Angelo, Texas. Family members were in attendance for graduation.

Congratulations family members: Jehovah God has blessed our family with better transportation.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Linda Lewis for the first people you sent for the reunion. It was so nice and blessed to have our Cousin Loraine Raven home this year.

Congratulations to Patricia Minter and Emma Jean Benson for starting this Family Reunion. The Best Goes On! From 1990 to 2008!

A Special Thanks to Billie Earl McDonald and his Family for sponsoring the reunion. Our hats are off to July 2008 Birthday Family Members. Our oldest Aunt was 71 years old on July 18, 2008. God bless you, Aunt Thelma Joe Jackson.

Everyone attending the reunion came with love, kisses, hugs and smiles. Our family spent several hours laughing, eating, and dancing. Our family is so funny!

Remarks were given and encouraging words came from each Aunt. Uncle Joe, thank you for being here. You were the only Uncle here this year. God bless you. Keep on coming back!

The Nelson Family presented gifts to our Aunties. Also, Uncle Joe will be sent a gift later.

God bless our officers for the year 2008. They are: President, Velda Gilbert; Vice President, Cynthia Pierce; Secretary, Effie Nelson; Treasurer, Valerie Gilbert; Assistant Treasurers, Richard Gilbert and Tammie Stewart.

We missed seeing Cousin Earnest and Doris Ragland and the family. Thank you, Buster, for coming out and taking pictures. Thank you, Patricia Minter for sponsoring video. Pictures for the 2008 Family

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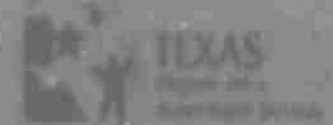
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Who passed away here and was memorialized here Saturday morning, June 14, 2008 at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

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**"T. J." With Hall of Famer  
At Cubs Game**



T. J. Patterson, right, had an opportunity to visit with a Hall of Famer, Billy Williams, who was an outstanding player with the Chicago Cubs. This opportunity was afforded Patterson while attending a conference in Chicago recently while attending a Cubs game.

**B-Mac  
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"I came from a place where there wasn't a lot of joy," Mac told the AP in 2001. "I decided to try to make other people laugh when there wasn't a lot of things to laugh about."

Mac's mother died of cancer when he was 16. In his book, Mac said she was a support for him and told him he would surprise everyone when he grew up.

"Woman believed in me," he wrote. "She believed in me long before I believed."

**Thank God For  
Jesus**

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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 (Anniversary - SSS).

**Issac Hayes Dies  
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Turner" besides "Shaft." He also did the song "Two Cool Guys" on the "Doves and Duit-Head Do America" movie soundtrack in 1966.

Additionally, he was the voice of Nikoladze's "Nik at Nite" and had radio shows in New York City (1996 to 2002) and then in Memphis.

He was in several movies including "It Could Happen to You" with Nicolas Cage, "Ninth Street" with Martin Sheen, "Reindeer Games" starring Ben Affleck and the blackploitation parody "I'm Gonna Get You, Sucka."

Hayes wanted to be a doctor, but got redirected when he won a talent contest in ninth grade by singing Nat King Cole's "Looking Back."

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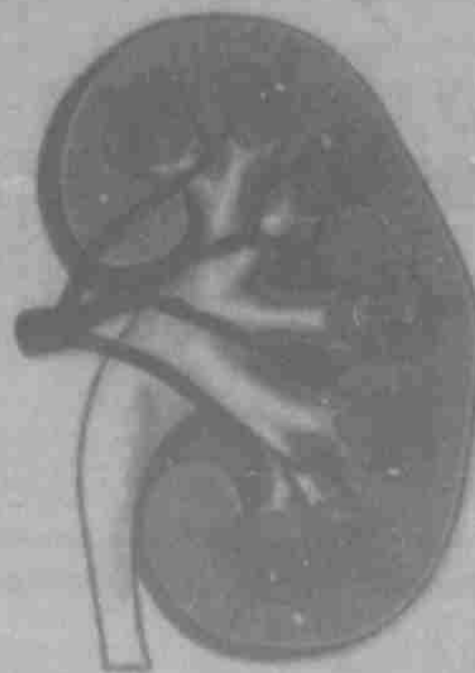
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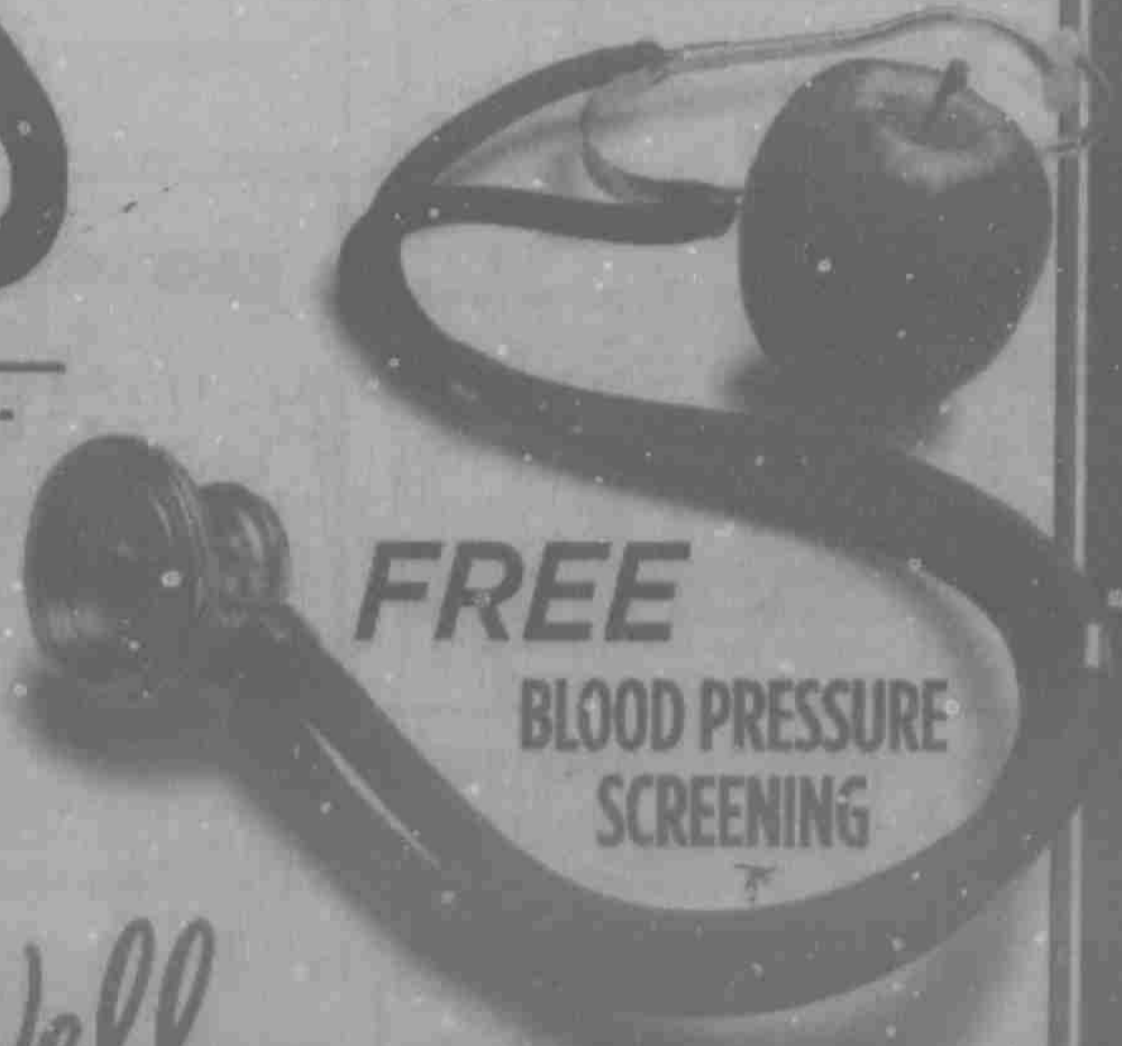
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