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Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr. Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary July 18th



Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. William Raven, Sr. of Lubbock celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 18, 2009, with renewed vows and dinner with family members at the Radisson Hotel.

Their children and grandchildren hosted the celebration.

They are parents of William Raven, Jr. and

Donna Raven Hayes.

Those present enjoyed this memorial occasion.

"It just let us know how good God is to us," Mrs. Raven.

"This was wonderful, and we are truly thankful," said Mr. Raven. "God is good," he concluded.

The Ravens have 7 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Reception Held For Lincoln/Douglass Scholarship Held At Patterson Library

The R. B. Thompson Lincoln/Douglass Scholarship Committee hosted a reception July 31, 2009 from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. at the Patterson Library in honor of the 2009 scholarship recipients, Mr. Jakail Price and Ms. Daria Phillips.

Mr. Price, son of Larry and Tamra Price, is a 2009 graduate of Estacado High School. He plans to attend Lubbock Hair Academy in Lubbock. He was active in football, basketball, and baseball at Estacado.

He was also an Assistant Coach for the MLK Junior League.

Upon earning his barber's license, he plans to open his own barber shop in Lubbock.

Ms. Phillips, daughter of Darrell and Debra Phillips, is a 2009 graduate of Estacado High School. She plans to attend Prairie A&M University



Mr. Jakail Price

in Prairie View, Texas. Phillips was an active member of the basketball and track team, as well as, the Latin Club at Lubbock High School.

Ms. Phillips will major in Physical Education.

Members of the R. B.



Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr. are shown in 1959. They have recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Both were elated!



Ms. Daria Phillips

Thompson Lincoln/Douglass Committee want to thank their supporters and donors. If it had not been for their generosity and kindness, these scholarships would not have been possible.

Your help is appreciated.



Rev. James W. Ford

Presiding Elder James W. Ford Named Speaker For Annual Friends & Family Weekend

With the theme, "Dwelling In Unity," Psalm 133, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will celebrate its 3rd Annual 'Friends & Family Weekend' August 7, 8, & 9, 2009.

Guest speaker for worship services on Sunday afternoon, August 9th, will be Presiding Elder James W. Ford of the Tyler District of the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal District, Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Prelate.

Rev. Soia J. Scott is host pastor, and Rev. Johnnie Mitchell is Presiding Elder of the Northwest District.

The celebration will begin Friday evening, August 7th, with a Gospel Musical at Bethel, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Appearing on program will be singers and groups of the Lubbock community.

"We are going to have an exciting evening of praising God," says Brother Robert Moore, chairperson. "The public is invited to come and help us celebrate," he continued.

Saturday afternoon, August 8th, there will be Youth activities in the Booker T.

Washington Park, Birch Avenue and 20th Street, from 1:00 p. m. until 4:00 p. m.

"There will be plenty of games and activities for our young people to participate in during this afternoon of celebration," says Sister Regina Sylvester, coordinator for the afternoon.

Sunday morning, August 9th, will begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. The worship hour will be at 1:00 p. m. with Presiding Elder Ford delivering the annual sermon.

During these services, eleven of our former members will be honored posthumously.

Those honorees are: John Fair, Paul Hemanes, T. S. Jamison, Centelle Lyons, Willie & Mildred Lusk, Leon Melton, Edward C. & Lillian Struggs, and Mae D. Simmons.

Following the worship services, a meal will be prepared and served in the Mae Simmons Park, which was named in honor of one of the honorees.

"We are going to fellowship together, and just thank God for all he has done for all of us," says Rev. Scott.

Jackson Chef Recalls Doctor's Role, Final Days

LOS ANGELES — On the day Michael Jackson died, his personal chef says her first hint of something amiss was when his doctor didn't come downstairs to get the juices and granola he routinely brought the King of Pop for breakfast each morning.

Kai Chase, a professionally trained chef hired by Jackson to maintain a healthy food regimen, recalled the singer's final days in an interview with The Associated Press. She also spoke about the role of his personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, who is now the focus of a manslaughter investigation.

Chase said Tuesday that she had gotten used to seeing Murray coming and going from the mansion. The doctor usually arrived about 9 or 9:30 p.m. and would go upstairs to Jackson's room, and she said she would not see him again before she left — sometimes late in the evening — but understood he was staying the night.

In the morning, when she

arrived for work, Chase said she would see the doctor coming down the steps carrying oxygen tanks. When Murray didn't come downstairs the morning of June 25, "I thought maybe Mr. Jackson is sleeping late," Chase said.

"I started preparing the lunch and then I looked at my cellphone and it was noon. About 12:05 or 12:10 Dr. Murray runs down the steps and screams, 'Go get Prince!' He's screaming very loud. I run into the den where the kids are playing. Prince (Jackson's oldest son) runs to meet Dr. Murray and from that point on you could feel the energy in the house change.

"I walked into the hall and I saw the children there. The daughter was crying. I saw paramedics running up the stairs."

At that point, Chase said, the small group that was gathered — the children, their nanny, a housekeeper and Chase — held hands and began to pray.



Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas tours Washington, D. C. and takes photo on the steps of the U. S. Capitol Building June 24, 2009 with Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

Community Meetings



Community Meetings
Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E.23rd St. 806-535-8081

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

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

Dunbar 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 Yellow-house 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

Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan 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 Juneteenth 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 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

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

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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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

One of our outstanding Black businessmen had a birthday on Wednesday, August 5, 2009. It was reported that he became 80 years young. He is none other than Mr. Al Caviel, who was in business here with his wife, Billie, for 49 years. They were owners and operators of Caviel Pharmacy, 1719 Avenue A.

At present time, Mr. Caviel is a patient at Heritage Oaks, and is doing nicely.

We want him to know, he is missed and wishes the very best on his birthday. May God continue to bless him

and family. ****
The residents of the Chatman Hill Addition had an outstanding evening in he Booker T. Washington Park last Tuesday evening, August 4th as they celebrated "An Night Out In The Park," with food and fun. What a time it was.

One of our residents, Ms. Frances Bell, was reminding everyone at the "Night Out In The Park" on Tuesday evening about the upcoming 1959 Class Reunion of Dunbar High School.

As chairperson of the celebration, she says this was the first class to graduate from the new Dunbar High School as they moved to the new campus in January 1959.

There were 55 students in the class, and they were proud to make history.

All Class of 1959 of Dunbar High School are asked to assemble at Furr's Cafeteria, 6001 Slide Road, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29, 2009.

"We will be looking for all of the members of Class of 1959," says Ms. Bunton.

FASHION FAIR

by Shirley Robinson

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New Light Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, August 2, 2009, church services were well attended at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School started at 9:50 a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled "Complaints And Cravings," with the printed passage coming from Numbers 11:1-6, 10-15.

The morning worship began at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. C. L. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee., with the scripture coming from I Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Henry Edom with the Senior Choir singing "He Is Lord."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements held during the week. All upcoming events were announced too. All birthdays for the week were acknowledged also. There was the Pastoral period held by Pastor Jackson. The morning offering followed.

The Senior Choir sang "Blessed Be The Name" and "I've Been Redeemed" was sung before the sermon, and "Amazing Grace" was sung as well.

Pastor Jackson preached on the sermon entitled "Why Go Back To Egypt?" His scripture text was Exodus 14:9-12. The Senior Choir sang "Blessed Assurance" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer.

All visitors were acknowledged.

Let us continue to pray for all who are sick and shut-in out in the Lubbock community as well as throughout Texas and the Nation. God is able!

Pray for love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, temperance, and meekness. Pray for strength to endure what comes our way!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "I am the true vine and my father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away

and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15:1-2

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A New Day For An Oppressed People

Lubbock-Avalanche Journal dated Monday, January 19, 2009 article under the heading "Leaders" shared thoughts of a new day from T. J. Patterson, David Sowell, Billie Russell, Eddie Richardson and Donnell Hooper. These African Americans shared their own view of how President Obama's inauguration was a blessing for the whole of America. Donnell Hooper said, "This day (MLK HOLIDAY) celebrates an extension of his (MLK) dream. I believe this Monday, this Tuesday, it's divine. How else could it happen like that?"

I contacted my childhood friend Melvin Owens in Tyler, Texas and asked him what the mood of African Americans in particular were in East Texas as it related to Barack Obama becoming president of the United States. After a deep conversation and scanning the past and related it to the present Melvin referred me to a November 12, 2008 article in the

Bullard Banner News.

I would like to share this article by Jim Epperson with those in Lubbock and the Lubbock area that may have grown up in the area or familiar with the area may share the enthusiasms.

"African Americans moved by first black president." Many African Americans began to believe a new era reached the shores of America, as tears rolled down their faces when Barack Obama became the first African American elected as president.

This new era was pushed into the forefront of American culture when Barack Obama won a commanding lead against presidential hopeful John McCain last week. And it is known without saying that African Americans have been a repressed people clawing inches at a time for equality and freedom.

"The color folks had it bad," said Annie A. Smith, who is 100 years old and

grew up on the Bullard area. "We had to eat outside. We had to go to the back of white people's houses because we couldn't go in the front." Think for a moment about what an Obama win means to her. She lets out a sigh, as if she were relieving a century old tension. "It makes me feel pretty good. He can do something for the world."

Pearline Williams, who is 102 years old and lives just outside of Bullard, said she remembered when there were food rations during WWI and WWII. Pearlina remembers seeing her first airplane. She thought it was a buzzard. She thought the first car she saw was a buggy with no horses. She has seen 18 presidents and lived through the Great Depression.

Williams lived in a time when she didn't have a school to go to because she was black. She started work when she was eight years old on the family farm. But she had never seen a president who is not white. And now, after For



We Thank God for Jesus Lord, Take The Load Off Me!!"

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

Matthew 9:37-38 - Jesus said, the harvest is truly plenteous, but the workers are few. Pray you, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into the harvest.

Lord, there was a time I heard all the devil's lies. Saying, Drugs, Alcohol and Marijuana would get you high.

Matthew 4:9 - The Devil said, all these things will I give unto you, if you will fall down and worship me.

****** YES, THE DEVIL IS ROBBING GOD! ******
The weight of those DRUGS keep me so low DOWN. I wanted to be lifted up from my place on the GROUND!!!

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

Lord, the devil had me try-

ing and trusting everything under the sun. BUT THE JOY AND PEACE I WANTED, I FOUND NONE!!!

Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus said, come unto me, all of you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (THE HOLY BIBLE) upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Lord, then one day a small voice said, Your life is ALL WRONG. Go back to the Father's House. That's where you belong!!!

Luke 9:41 - Jesus said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and Suffer you? Bring your son here.

****** TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO JESUS!!! ******

Lord, I thank you for saving me, and it was only through

JESUS CHRIST. HE

DIED ON THE CROSS FOR ALL MY SINS. I NOW HAVE A NEW LIFE!!!

Didn't nobody have to give up their seat while riding on the City Bus. My freedom came down from above, and GOD said, that was enough.

Didn't have to get hit with the Policeman's billy club. My freedom came down in the form of GOD'S OWN LOVE.

Didn't nobody have to get bitten in the butt by the Policeman's vicious dogs. My freedom came when JESUS DIED ON THAT CROSS!!!

Didn't nobody have to get sprayed by the Fireman's water hose. My freedom came ON SUNDAY MORNING JESUS AROSE!!!

LORD, THANKS FOR PEACE, JOY, AND HAPPINESS IN THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE. I THANK YOU FOR THE 26 YEARS WITH MY WIFE!!!

Proverb 18:22 - Who so finds a wife finds a good
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 2, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The morning Sunday School lesson was entitled "Complaints And Cravings." The scripture text was Num-

bers 11:1-6, 10-15. The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Walter Jackson, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was "And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who said gi give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: But now our soul is dried

away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes."

Numbers 11:4-6
The congregation enjoyed the morning lesson.

The morning worship hour got underway with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson were in charge.

The Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church sung out of their hearts and souls for the Lord. What a time it was!!

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "I Can't Help But To Tell It." The scripture text was Acts 4:13-22.

The Key verses were 19 & 20. The Song of Inspiration was "Jesus Is On The Main Line."

Our weekly meetings include the following:

Mission meets at 6:00 p. m. every Wednesday. Bible Study begins at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evening, the Senior Choir meets at 5:00 p. m.

On Saturday mornings, the Ushers meet, beginning at 11:00 a. m.

"Since I have no gold to give,

And love alone must make amends,

My daily prayer is while live --

"God, make me worthy of my friends!"

Thought For The Week:

"A friend is the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out.

If you are looking for a

Church Home, then come and visit with the congregation of the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you chose to do so. Also, bring another person with you.

As we always say, God is able. So just come and become a part of our worship services.

A Musician is still needed at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. If you are interested or know of someone, Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking what do our leaders do?? We're glad you asked. You see, they lead!!

Leaders organize - actualize energize. Jesus did it by examples. He washed feet and much, much more. Those of us out there who are leaders, please don't abuse your office of authority. Somebody's watching your every move. When you lead, people will follow. It's better to have one idea and finish, than to have several large ones, and not finish any of them. We believe God is raising up leaders, just plain old simple people who really

don't know how to lead, but are willing to be led by the Holy Spirit. This is the one who will lead us into the next century with great power.

Right now, most of us are not interested in the Kingdom of God. We're apparently interested in our own stuff, wondering if our sealed houses are safe enough. We have no need to do God's work. He finished his work, and said it was all good. Ministries are popping up all over the world, and people are starving for things which are pure. If you're you will grow, then start with yourself. God is not interested in growing your thing, when you're

not doing nothing with what you have. Don't worry about filling your place, worry about filling the hearts of man with the word of God, strive to have a relationship with him. Just because you're unable to knock people down, don't worry. Maybe

you need to help them stand against the wilds of the enemy. Remember, those things which are pure and right, let God promote you and not yourself. Humble yourself before God.

It's a true fact, unless Black African American people come into unity, and forget about denominations as far as going together and work out

something to save our young men and women. Satan will continue to steal and kill them. He said Satan was a roaring lion, and we don't have to be afraid. He's roaring and our children are falling into his trap. Proverbs 28:1 - the wicked will run when nobody is after them, but the Christians is bold as lions, we have millionaires on

the East side of Lubbock, but one hundred pennies will make a dollar, symbolizing strength in unity!

Don't you forget that! Evil triumphs when good men and women do nothing.

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Obsequies

Earline Terry

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Terry, 88, of Lubbock passed away Friday, July 31, 2009 at University Medical Center.

She was born July 17, 1921 to Earl and Ida Thompson in Cameron.

She will always be loved and remembered by her



daughter, Earlene Rosemond; two sons, Earl Thompson, and J.C. Terry; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Thank God For Jesus

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thing, and obtains favor of the Lord.

**** WHAT EVER YOU NEED, GOD GOT IT!!! ****

Lord, it's our Faith that we're sharing with others. Your Dying on the Cross for all Fathers, Mothers, Sisters and Brothers.

John 3:16 - Jesus said, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. Hat whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We're Trusting the Lord by Faith, **AND WE KNOW YOU CANNOT LIE, YOU SAID ALL OUR NEEDS YOU WOULD SUPPLY!!!**

John 4:10 - Jesus said, if you knew the gift of God, and who it is that said to you, give me to Drink. You would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water.

Proposed November Bond Election

As the District Two representative to the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), I should have reported to residents of North and East Lubbock sometime ago, I apologize.

There seems to be some with serious dislikes that only "splash pads" were the only items to be placed on the ballot, if approved by the City Council. A \$65 million total was the limit placed on us by the Council. With all that our City needs, that amount should be ten times more. With reports from the different City agencies, I learned that North and East Lubbock had already been approved funding close to \$7 million in Parks alone. That Community Development Funding was approved to paved several unpaved streets in the northeast section of Parkway. That the pot holes and ruts on several streets could not be placed on the Bond Package as this is a general maintenance responsibility that can be repaired with a call to Street Maintenance. Repairs to Broadway, Avenue A, MLK and Milk-Parkway Dr., 19th are in the planning stages.

Projects on the books with completion dates: replacing old playground equipment with new colorful equipment at Butler and Chatman Park (2011) Simmons (2014) and Lusk (2015). Prior to December 2009, \$205,000 will be spent on restrooms and sidewalks at Simmons. 2009-10 A new pavilion at Simmons.

The only item considered from Estacado High School meeting was a sidewalk from East 24th to 19th. The estimated cost of this project (\$627,000) I felt was ridiculous, therefore, I did not support it.

On the Mahon Library issue, District 1 and 2 CAC members supported \$5 million in funding, however, we were out voted. Reason: close to \$20 million is needed to show significant improvements. I voted for the Soccer Fields as this was the only project that will bring funds back to the City in the form of out of town visitors for tournaments. Fire stations are needed for the new housing development as existing stations are not close enough for the allotted time required by the State to be met. As for 34th Street, there is no question, it needs attention, more than we could give.

Based upon the above information, Splash Pads were the only items District 1 and 2 could get approved to have north and east Lubbock voters something to vote on. Overall, our area has not been overlooked, however, we must not let the proposals get away. Should I not be around in the future, someone must keep the City accountable to these proposed improvements to our area.

D. Pierce
Member, District Two

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Parson Smith

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And now, after America's 221 year history, the white ceiling to the highest land in office has been shattered. "That was history and I wanted to see it," William said. "I've seen a good many of presidents come and go."

For 90-year-old Vennie Jackson (this writer's high school English teacher) who grew up in Bullard, she was growing up in Bullard when blacks were not allowed to go in many places, like cafe's, hotels and restaurants. If blacks were there, Jackson said they were working on jobs no one else wanted. "They were workers sweeping the floors and new they are the employees at the desk," she said. "That's a long way from a cotton chopper to the presidency." But what is most telling to Jackson is that race is not an issue for the majority of Americans when selecting a president. "America is in a new era when race is not an issue to younger Americans...People are people. Americans are Americans, regardless of nationality, religion or origin."

And Bobbie Bowie, 76, of Bullard, said an Obama election means that her grandchildren have the same opportunities as anyone else. "I hope it will enlighten my grandchildren to know they can be anybody they want to be...it shows you might be president someday."

Bowie wishes her grandparents could have seen the day when a black president was elected. "They are the ones who paved the way," she said. "They didn't have a voice."

One can only imagine how Bowie's grandparents would feel after realizing a new era is upon America. By slowly but steadily moving little by little to gain equality and the same freedom as whites, Bowie's relatives paved the way to make Martin Luther King Jr's American dream possible. And the dream is that a black man will be president, and that man is Barack Obama.

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by T.J. Patterson

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This is the **3RD ANNUAL FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEKEND** August 7, 8 & 9, 2009 with a Gospel Musical ... Youth In The Park ... and Worship services on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be **PRESIDING ELDER JAMES FORD** of the Tyler District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. **BROTHER ROBERT MOORE** is Chairperson of this Celebration.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER CAVIEL! THIS 'N' THAT is wishing our friend **AL CAVIEL** a **BE-LATED 80TH BIRTHDAY** and hope he continues to improve. **BACK TO SCHOOL**



THINK ABOUT IT!

MOVE ON!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

The animal shelter issue is now history, and it is time to move on to another issue. This project proved that the people have a voice only if they use it.

On this issue, they did it, and worked hard! The results were honorable. The new location is accessible and away from parks and residents and in an open field with room to grow. If this location or one similar would have been proposed from the beginning instead of parks, in the first place, we would not have had any of the controversy in the first place, especially the last site where an attempt to dump it where no one else . . .

But after all, some good came out of it after all it proved that America is still America and the citizens still have a voice and they used it and it worked.

The coalition proved that

for the people by the people still works, this writer would still like to see the coalition stay active and work for and with Lubbock. Working hard to support issues that is good for the citizens of Lubbock and work just as hard and constant as it did to defeat what is not good for all the citizens of Lubbock. We have groups in Lubbock that only played the adversary role. That is not good for any one each issue must justify on its own merits fairly this is good for the local city collective.

The thing that made this coalition different and successful was it was made up of a cross section of members and supporters different races, religions, cultures, backgrounds, socio-economic and on one accord with the same goal in mind it was to defeat the animal shelter in Mackenzie Park. They were

at every 7-a-m city council meeting until the end, and with the same message on animal shelter in Mackenzie park.

There are many other issues on the horizon, one very important issue is the city council is rumored to pass the budget without a public hearing. That's about unusual taxes is a very unpopular word to most taxpayers, but on the other hand, it takes money to run a city and provide all the services water, lights, streets, garbage pick up, police, fire and many other services. The public hearings comes with the territory of being as elected officials. This writer was told by one of our council persons that they did not like controversy again. That goes with the territory of being an elected official.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

They say that once you have left home, that you cannot go home again. I almost became a believer this past weekend. Being a native of Chicago, Illinois, I went back to a family reunion this past week and had I not known and recognized a few of the old landmarks, I would have surely thought that I was in some other city.

The temperature of the

weather was agreeable as I had arrived from a very, very hot state and the coolness was welcomed. What I had forgotten was the rag weeds that grow so abundantly, and got the best of my immune system at the family picnic. My Claritin seemingly has not been effective or I have the summer 'Flu.'

Aside from the weather and grasses, my idea that the rush hour was a weekly thing wherein people were rushing to get to work and then rushing to get back home was another misconception. The traffic is just as bad on Sunday as it is on Monday. There does not seem to be any lull in traffic on the freeways, toll ways or any other street at any time of the day or night. There have always been



twenty-four hour stores, but they were few and far apart, now they are in every neighborhood.

With the introduction of smaller and faster cars, the very youthful drivers are making two lanes on streets in one direction where only one was intended and if you do not get out of their way you could end up on the sidewalk or in a fender bender with another vehicle. They drive fast and challenge the traffic police and the cameras on the traffic signals.

The topography has changed. Chicago's lakefront is becoming crowded with quite tall skyscrapers. It seems that it will be a matter of time when the Sears Tower will no longer be the city's or the world's tallest building and become second to the Hancock Building which had been Chicago's tallest when it displaced the Prudential

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Building. The Standard Oil Building is still standing tall neck and neck with the Hancock. To really get a good view of Lake Michigan now, one needs to travel south of the downtown area, past the museum, planetarium, Soldier Field and McCormick Place.

Though Illinois has had the lottery for over thirty years, Chicago has new excitement in the casino which is located in Hammond, Indiana, just south of Calumet Park. One does not have to cross the river in this part of Indiana leaving Chicago to get there. You can get on a Chicago street which will take you straight there. This has certainly added to the traffic toll. Like all other casinos, it is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. One thing is certain; if you cannot read, getting around is much more difficult now. Let us get 'in cinque' and make sure that we adults really know how to read. Mr. Obama says, "Go back to school."

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Church with Rev. E. Hopkins, pastor, officiating.

He passed away July 31, 2009, at 2:00 a. m.

He is survived by a son, Archie Jackson; a daughter, Tasha Adams; and a longtime companion, Ruby Lee Adams.

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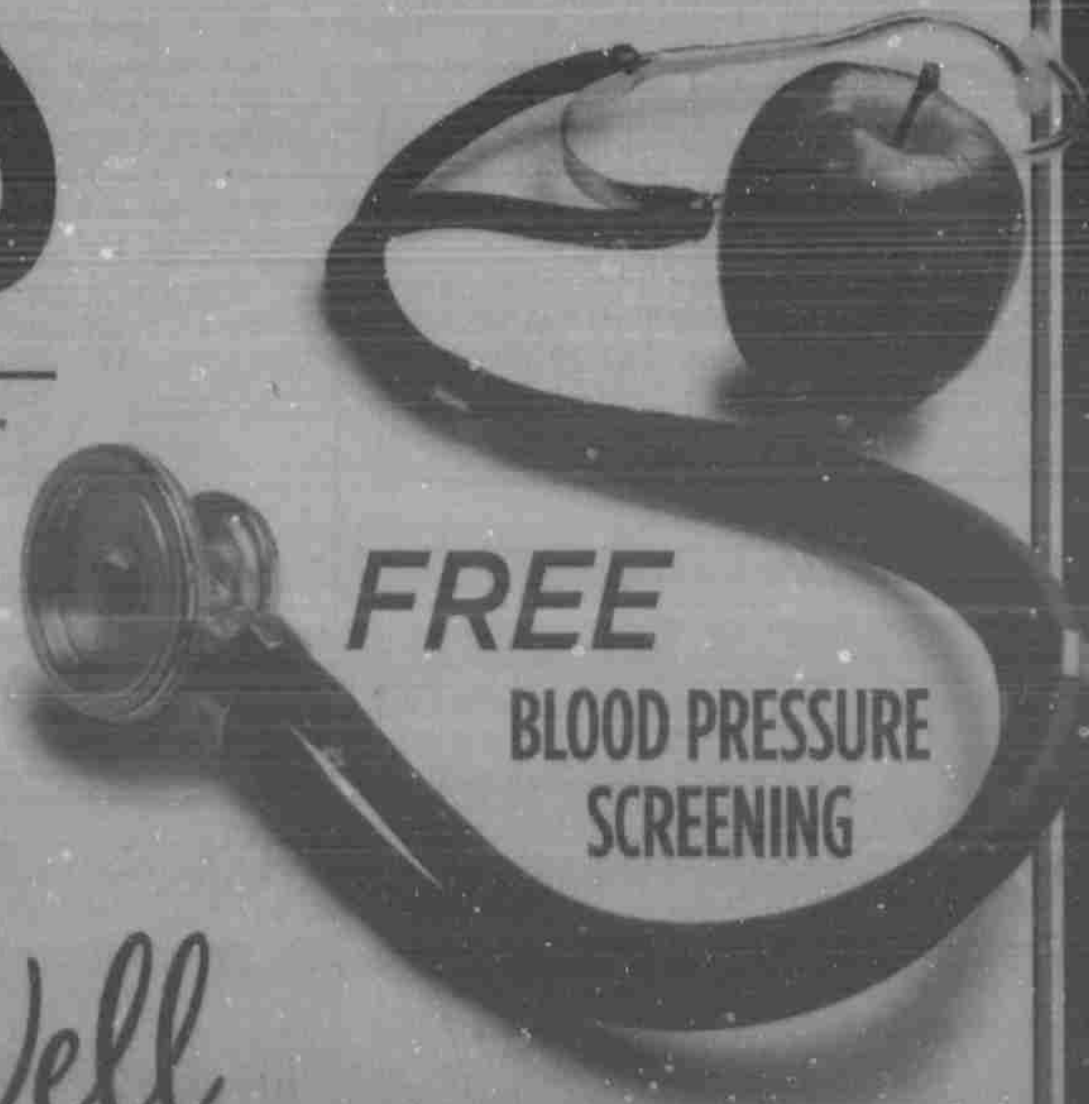
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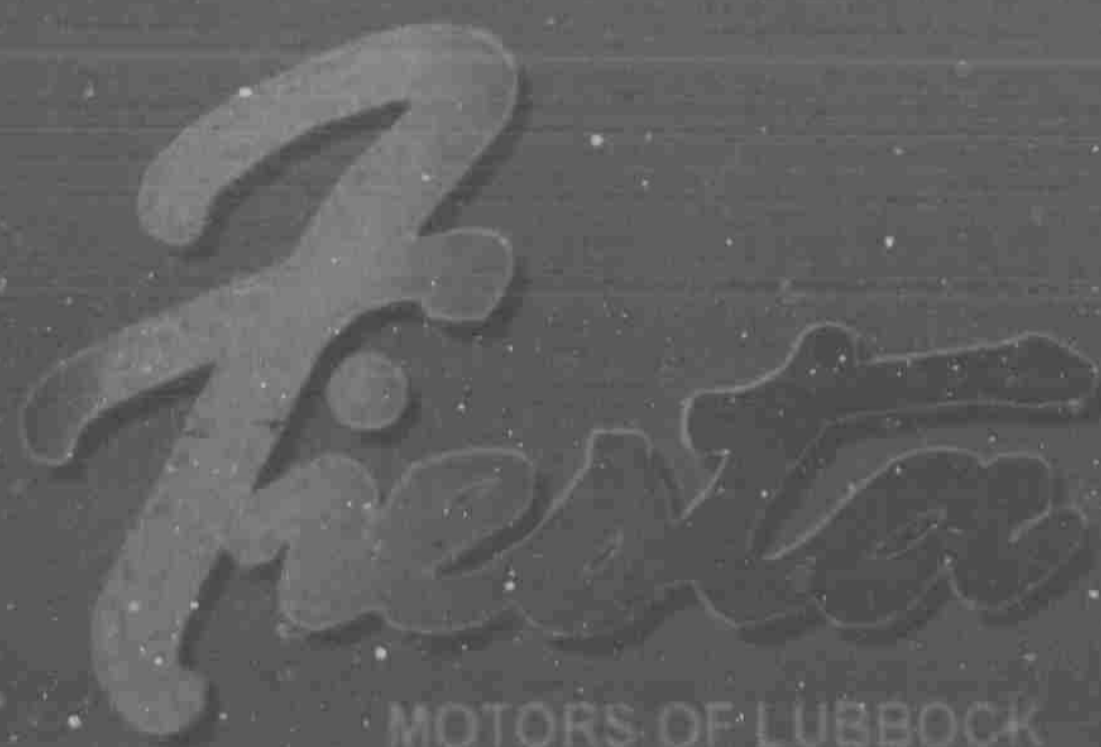
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