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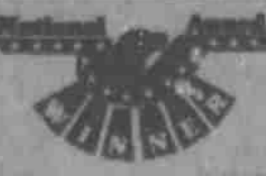
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Wheatley Elementary School Students Observe Native American History Month Last Week



Eldrena Douma, or "Blue Corn," a Pueblo Indian from the tribes of the Laguna, Tewa and Hopi tells Wheatley Elementary students a Native American legend about the Prairie Dog people. Douma visited Hodges and Wheatley Elementary Schools in LISD as a part of Native American History Month.

Unveiling Outdoor Bronze In Mae Simmons Park Last Week



The unveiling of an outdoor bronze sculpture by local artist Eddie Dixon was held last Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at Mae Simmons Park. This sculpture was a joint project of the City of Lubbock and Civic Lubbock Inc. and was made possible through grants from The CH Foundation and the Lubbock Area Foundation.

Artist Eddie Dixon (center) is shown visiting with two ladies who were in attendance.

The bronze sculpture represents a young Native American woman and is a tribute to the numerous Native American peoples who came through this area during the early history of the South Plains. This sculpture was unveiled this month, November, as it is National American Indian Heritage Month (also referred to as Native American Heritage Month).

Eddie Dixon is an international known artist. His first commission was a bronze sculpture of Eugene Bullard, the world's first Black combat aviator of World War I, for the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

Town Hall Meeting Set For December 6, 2008 At Mae Simmons Community Center

A Town Hall meeting has been set for Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2008, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, from 3:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m.

Donnell Hooper, a graduate of Dunbar High School, is leading this special effort to involve as many of Lubbock's East citizens to get up and do something for the benefit of the total community.

Hooper, who spent nearly 30 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, admits he was very disheartened when he came back to Lubbock recently and observed things continuing being the same as it was before he left.

"I just want to be a part of seeing that the community in which I grew in will be better able to have things positive for the future of our children," said Mr. Hooper.

"What I am saying is that I'm sick and tired of getting up every morning and being greeted by one of my neighbors, Mr. Prairie Dog and family," he said.

"There's no doubt about it, there are now two Lubbocks here, and this needs to be seriously addressed," he continued.

Another young man, Hillary Hutchinson, Jr., who has served in the Arizona Department of Corrections, is also working with making Town Hall meeting something all can be very proud of. "We as a people, especially Black people, need to get up and

start doing somethings for ourselves," he says. "These young people don't really understand where we have come from and we must be about our business of advising them of what we can do to make our East Lubbock community a much better place for all of us to live," he continued.

This Town Hall meeting is being sponsored by Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Covenants & Creeds Boldly, Realistically, Intelligently, Consciously, Concerned, And Committed!! B.L.A.C.C.C. - B.R.I.C.C.C.

For those of you who may have any questions about this upcoming meeting, call Mr. Hooper at (325) 668-4794 or Mr. Hutchinson at (806) 762-3612.

Both men are calling all Leaders of their households and their homes to come and join in this quest to improve the lives of those who live, attend school and work in East Lubbock.

They are also calling the Leaders of their congregations and their congregation to join us in this good faith effort to improve their lives economically.

"We believe this can be achieved intelligently and spiritually," says Mr. Hooper.

Continuing, he said, "This can be done with the renewing of our minds, and together we must stand! We already know that standing divided is the rea-



Mr. Donnell Hooper



Mr. Hillary Hutchinson, Jr.

Wheatley Students Learn Of College Day



Wheatley Elementary kindergartners Zariah Bradley (left) and Hayleigh Blackwell (right) are joined by Texas Tech Pom Squad members Tara Donato (left) and Laura Hagen (right) during Lubbock College Day, the final day of College Week at the elementary campus. The Wheatley students have their "guns up" in support of the Red Raiders and are predicting a Tech victory in Norman, Oklahoma.

New Attorney-at-Law In Lubbock Community



James O. Gibbs, J.D., M.B.A.

A new attorney in the Lubbock community is James O. Gibbs, J.D., M.B.A. He has free consultation.

His area of expertise are in the areas of Criminal Defense, Family Law, Wills and Estates, Business Law and Development, and Juvenile Law.

He also handles Property Law & D.W.I's. As an Attorney-at-Law, he may be contacted at (806) 535-9055. His fax number is (806) 745-1268. His email is: James.O.Gibbs@GMAIL.COM.

Bethel AME Church Feeds East Lubbock Citizens Last Saturday

A program was developed in the Sunday School Department of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church to reach out into the East Lubbock community and feed those in need.

This program, called "Mission the Moved," is to reach out and help those in the community who are in need.

"We just want to reach out and help those who are in need of food. A hungry person will not listen to you when they are hungry, but when they are full it becomes easier to communicate," said Sister Ruby Donaldson, Superintendent.

Last Saturday afternoon, November 22, 2008, there were one hundred-ten (110) meals served.

Rev. Sontia J. Scott, pastor, says, "Bethel will continue to reach each out in the East Lubbock community each month and do our job."

Annual "Lights in Lubbock"

It's almost time for "Lights in Lubbock" a citywide Christmas decorating contest, which residents anticipate each year. In the spirit of community and the holiday season, the contest offers neighborhoods and neighbors the opportunity to demonstrate their holiday spirit with a little friendly competition. Lubbock United Neighborhood Association (LUNA) and Lubbock Avalanche-Journal have sponsored this event since 1996. In 2002, Scoggin-Dickey became a sponsor and has provided transportation for the judges.

Each neighborhood association will host a decorating contest within their own neighborhood area. Individual neighborhood associations choose their own judges. Neighborhood association leadership are then to report back to LUNA no later than Monday, December 8, 2008 with only one winner from their

neighborhood area. To give past and new entrants an opportunity to win this year, the 2007 winners are not eligible to compete again until 2009.

The citywide competition comprises five divisions. Four of the five divisions will include the winners from the individual neighborhood associations. Those who do not live within the boundaries of an established neighborhood association will comprise the fifth division and should contact the LUNA Resource Center office at 749-5862 if you would like to participate. A panel of judges will select a final winner from each division on Friday, December 12, 2008 between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Neighborhood participants are reminded to keep their Christmas lights on during these hours.

The five citywide winners will be featured in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal/Online. For

additional information about "Lights in Lubbock" please contact your neighborhood association president or the LUNA Resource Center office at 749-5862.

"Lights in Lubbock", Christmas lighting/decorating contest

Co-sponsored by Lubbock United Neighborhood Association (LUNA), Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Scoggin-Dickey

Monday, December 8, 2008, is the deadline for submitting entries

Friday, December 12, 2008, is the final judging between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

For additional information, contact LUNA Resource Center office at 749-5862

LUNA is a non-profit organization dedicated to Lubbock's neighborhoods. LUNA's mission is to organize, promote, and support neighborhood associations. The LUNA Resource Center office is located at 749-5862. Continue on Page 2

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

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 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

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.

Chapman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hies 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

Although there will be thousands of Americans in attendance at the Inaugural Ball in honor of President-Elect Barack Obama on January 20, 2009, something as exciting has been set for this historical day. On Tuesday evening, January 20, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Ballroom. This will be a Formal/Black Tie event and will feature for entertainment saxophonist Norman Garrett, Jazz Alley, TTU Musical Ensemble,

the Mariachis and many more local talents.

Tickets are \$25 per person and \$40 per couple. Tickets may be purchased by calling (806) 283-2990. This is the first event to kick-off the 30th Year Anniversary of the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated for scholarships.

The Federation of Choirs will hold its monthly meeting on the third Sunday, December 21, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p. m. at

the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 1414 Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs. Ms. Sims is recuperating from knee replacement at her residence.

The public is invited to attend and participate.

The members of the New Light Baptist Church is inviting the community to come and join them with the celebration of their 8th Annual Musical on Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones in the Lubbock community. Let them be reminded that God is able!

Don't forget those who are sick and shut-in at this report. Brother Al Cavieil is reported to be doing nicely at this time. Happy Holidays!!!

own congregation but those in others ones as well. Let's continue to come out and support the winter schedule meetings that held on wednesday which start at 5:30.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold. The rich and poor meet together the lord is the maker of them all. A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself but the simple pass on and are punished.

Proverbs 22:1-4.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Bridal Train Design On New Denim Skirt

Here comes the sparkle! appearing on flashy front pockets and unique "bridal

train" design on a chic new denim skirt. Clear rhinestones and metallic flower embroidery dress up lightly washed denim for a fabulous work of art you can wear more than once.

Like stars against a night sky, this skirt sparkles with light and luxury.

IT IS TO DIE FOR...JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

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Fashion tip...always wear a smile!!!

Fashion...just for the fun of it!!!

Believe It Again - Santa Land Opens December 10th!

For the 52nd consecutive year, Santa Land will light up the Lubbock night with Christmas trees, children singing, twinkling lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus ready to hear the Christmas dreams of area children. In an opening ceremony, Lubbock City Council members and special guest Pete Christy will welcome the Clauses, light the 60-foot Christmas tree, and officially open Santa Land on Wednesday,

December 10 at 6:00 p.m. Children from Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to be a part of this special evening. Santa Land is open December 10-23, 2008 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. nightly, and as always, Santa Land is free to the public.

More than 32,000 people visit Santa Land each year to see the festive holiday village with its huge lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. For visits with Santa, parents are encouraged to bring their children early in the evening as the line is stopped on busy nights at

approximately 9:00 p.m. or earlier depending on the crowd. Enjoy live entertainment most evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hot chocolate and other refreshments are available for sale at the concession stand. Parents are welcome to bring cameras and video cameras to take photos of their children with Santa at no charge. For those who forget their cameras, keepsake digital photos may be purchased for \$5 each. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

The City of Lubbock and the Parks and Recreation Department are grateful to its sponsors and the Lubbock community for their help in underwriting some of the costs for Santa Land and for bringing this annual event to the children of West Texas.

Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center Hosts Annual Color Program

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center (GAC) will host a reception on Friday, December 5, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the First Friday Art Trail. The Exhibit will feature watercolor paintings by members of the West Texas Watercolor Society.

December Feature Artists will be Jim and Glenda Bertram. Jim and Glenda are local watercolor artists and members of the West Texas Watercolor Society. Both Jim and Glenda recently placed in the 19th Annual GAC National Arts Program Exhibit in October of this year.

Annual Lights in Lubbock

Center is a clearinghouse of information for member associations and connecting resources for citizens of the Lubbock community. LUNA provides the tools to develop associations to become self-reliant in resolving issues and improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. For more information on joining or starting a neighborhood association, please visit our website at www.luna-lubbock.org or call LUNA Resource Center office at (806) 749-5862.

City of Lubbock Offices Will Close

City of Lubbock offices will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2008, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, December 1.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, regularly scheduled trash pickup will not occur on Thursday or Friday. There will be limited trash pickup on Saturday, and normal pickup will resume on Monday, December 1.

Emergency services will continue without interruption.

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, November 23, 2008, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, on a very spirit filled opening. Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45a.m. with Brother Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "My Heart-Healthy Church. Roman 14:1,10-13 19-21 & 15:1-6.

The question to ask is: What Is It About This Lesson That Makes It Important.

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devotional and dedicated Praise Team leading the way with it's uplifting spirit filled songs, scripture & prayer. Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O I Want To See Him". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and it came from Psalm 107:1-15. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Have Thine Own Way."

There was the fellowship period that was held for about 5 minutes & then the offering was taken up. Sis. Rochelle Hood read all the announcements & told of all the upcoming events.

The senior choir sang "Let Your Light Shine" and "Trust In The Lord." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "What Are You Thankful For?" His scripture text was Psalm 106:1.

The invitation to discipleship was held and there were some who came for prayer and the Lord continue to add to the church as he sees fit.

There was a Thanksgiving Service held at New Hope Baptist Church, and several churches were in attendance. Rev. Jackson from New Light brought the sermon this evening and what a great topic it was.

Pray for all the men of God who stand behind the pulpit and declare His word. Also pray for not only the members in your

Meet Pastors Johnay & 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 5:00 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

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Wednesday Services

Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm.

Rev. Nanja J. Scott

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

Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH A Change In Direction

It appears as if Al-Qaida has joined in the game of "divide and conquer by race" using the same failed policies and methods as race base-hating groups in America.

Two or more weeks ago it was world news Al-Qaida's No. 2 leader used a racial epithet to insult Barack Obama in a posted message. The message describe president-elect Obama in very demeaning terms to imply in black vernacular that he was an "Uncle Tom" and would do whatever white folks wanted him to do.

The message declared that Obama is "the direct opposite of honorable black American" like Malcolm X, who was a 1960's civil rights leader.

If this was not enough, al-Zawahri, Al-Qaida's No. 2 leader called president-elect Obama, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and former secretary of state Colin Powell "house negroes."

The message of al-Zawahri is said to have included old footage of speeches by Malcolm X in which he explains the term, saying black slaves who work in their white master's house were more servile than those who worked in the fields and fearful black leaders who were afraid to stand up to white folk.

The message of al-Zawahri

should be offensive to not only African Americans but to all Americans. We as Americans are people of all races, colors, classes etc., but we are all Americans. We have our problems and our differences as all humans. But as Americans we work out our differences. African Americans have worked within the legal system to bring about justice and "access to justice" for all Americans. Their perseverance and belief in American system and values has brought a new day for not only America but for the entire world including that which is not as of yet free. There has been a change in direction, attitudes, behaviors, beliefs, value system and much more for the good and betterment of all America.

In the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's views, Harvey Madison wrote the following: "For those of you who are worried about the Obama win, here is some reassurance. He is not a Muslim (as if that had to be a bad thing), he is Christian. He was born in America. He will give no quarter to terrorists. He has said the pledge of allegiance thousands of times, and he sings the national anthem. So much for the silly lies engendering fear and hatred. And if it matters to you, he's half white. What really matters about

this sea change America is that it hopefully is an end to the Regan Revolution; that time that began the massive redistribution of wealth from the middle class to the rich, or unbridled deregulation of financial corporation and polluters, of the notion that wars are good business, that greed and selfishness are good, and that Christianity meant small-minded meanness.

America has turned to the hope that everyone should be able to go to the doctor when they're sick; that their sons and daughters won't be dying for the benefit of corporations; that their retirement years will not be spent in poverty; and that our quality of life will catch back up with the rest of the western world. Let us all resolve to support the new direction that this man has inspired in us, to bring back the America that is admired in the world as the place where there is true freedom, real justice and integrity." Amen brother!

Outstanding Harvest Program

The members and Pastor D. A. Smith of Smith Temple Church reports a spirit filled services last Sunday morning, November 23, 2008, during their Annual Harvest Day.

We Thank God for Jesus

"UNTHANKFUL AMERICA"

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

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

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cards from us.

The Lord gave America the best land, water, cotton, cattle, chicken, oil, grain, and wheat.

That was when she trusted in GOD; and he supplied all her needs!!!

Philippians 4:19 -- My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

****** BACK IN THE OLD DAYS; DID YOU EVER HAVE A NEED????******

The Lord blessed America; and gavel her the best of everything the under the sun.

But America became proud and arrogant; and said, she don't need anyone!!!

Psalm 53:1 -- The fool has said in his heart. There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that do good.

America has very little prayer in churches; then let **ONE WOMAN**; take prayer out of her schools.

She took the word of GOD out of courts; and the word of GOD says, she's a **FOOL!!!**

Romans 1:18,21,22 -- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

American churches are nothing but clubs; away from the other clubs.

There is only dress codes; pride, money changing; and **NO LOVE!!!**

Galatians 6:7-8 -- He not deceived; God is not mocked: for what soever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sow to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

America can go the the moon, do heart, kidney, lung and eye transplants.

She thinks she is GOD within her self; but to GOD she's like a little **ANT!!!**

Psalm 12:3-4 -- The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips,

and the tongue that speak proud things; who have said, with our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is Lord over us.

The Lord knows he got America's attention, on that famous '911 day.

He used the Devil to drop two buildings; right in America's face!!!

Ezekiel 21:31a -- The Lord said, I will pour out mine indignation upon you, I will blow against you in the fire of my wrath.

It was then Mr. President Bush; asked America to Truly Pray.

She should have been Praying along; **BOTH NIGHT AND DAY!!!**

Luke 18:1 -- (Jesus) spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

****** ARE YOU ALWAYS PRAYING????******

After 911 America got back to the old way; not loving and Praising GOD.

She forgot the first and great commandment; you should **LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART!!!**

Luke 19:14 -- Jesus said, His citizens hated him, and sent a **Continue on Page 5**

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again, church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, November 23, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "A Good Example." The scripture text was II

Timothy 2:1-3; 4:1-5.

The scripture lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Our morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Deacon Ethel Williams in

charge. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Have Mercy On Us." The scripture text was II Kings 1:13. It was another wonderful inspiring message coming from our pastors.

Our weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies, 5:00 p. m. and

Bible study, 6:00 p. m.; Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m.; and Saturday mornings, 11:00 a. m.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in of our church and community. Let us remember those who have lost loved ones.

Then let us adore and give Him his right; all glory and power; all wisdom and might. All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church's Annual Mission program will be held Sunday afternoon, November 30, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Come and fellowship with us and hear this dynamic speaker, Minister Janice Curry of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Tahoka.

The theme for the annual program is: "Godly Women On Display By Design." Our Mission President is

Sister Annie Stanley; Vice President is First Lady Shirley Canady.

Thought For The Week: "For the Christian Thanksgiving is not just a day, but a way of life."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday morning. You are always welcome to come and visit with us!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST MEETING
The Home of
Sister Christine Burleson,
Vice President
Saturday
November 1, 2008

THEME:
"HOW TO BE GRATEFUL
IN AN UNGRATEFUL
WORLD"

Speaker: Earnestine Frazier
Sister Carrie Wheeler,
Acting Secretary

A Message of Thanksgiving
Part IV

Mystery: I've mentioned many things, but these may not satisfy you. You may not know and you may not understand. But one thing we can understand: God is a sovereign God, and bigger than any of us. Isaiah 55 tells us that His thoughts are not our thoughts, and that His ways are higher than our ways. Second Corinthians 5:7 says: "we walk by faith, not by sight..." There are times when we say, "God, You owe me an explanation." And it's all right to ask for one, but not to doubt God's wisdom, love or goodness. If God loved you enough to send His Son to die for you on the cross, then you never have to doubt His love again.

Real faith is not receiving from God what we want, but it is accepting from God what He gives. You may never in this world figure it out, but you know that God is sovereign and someone wisely said, "Where we cannot trace His hand, we

can trust His heart." He is good and faithful, and so thank Him and praise Him.

If you think you have nothing to be thankful for this Thanksgiving because of unpleasant circumstances going on in your life, think again. You woke up this morning, and He started you on your way.

Count Your Blessings
--Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr.--

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged,
Thinking all is lost,

Count your many blessings,
name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

Count your many blessings,
every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

Refrain
So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;

Count your many blessings,
angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

"MY THANKSGIVING PRAYER TO YOU"

My Thanksgiving prayer to you from me; Is for love strong and true that you hold within thee.

A heart that beats steady and

holds love within; For your brothers and sisters and all creatures by Him.

A soul that is worthy of all of His love; That is given to you from the Heavens above.

Food on your table that you thank the Lord for; Friends to surround you forever and more.

A house filled with love and the light how it shines; Showing all of its beauty till the end of time.

Kindness towards others for all of your days; To be returned I pray in many a way.



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Obsequies

Thank God for there were no reports of a funeral service at this report. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us all be thankful. God is able and He knows what we need!

May God continue to bless each of you in the prayers of the Southwest Digest and Staff during this holiday season!
Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Prairie View A&M Fall Graduates To Hear Words of Inspiration From PV Mayor Frank D. Jackson

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas—This fall, Prairie View A&M University will confer degrees on more than 700 candidates for graduation. Prairie View Mayor and PVAMU alumnus Frank D. Jackson will address graduates during Prairie View A&M University's 2008 fall commencement exercises which will be held Saturday, Dec. 13 in the William J. "Billy" Nicks Building.

The university is preparing to confer degrees from its nine colleges and schools during two commencement exercises. This fall the university is pleased to award ten doctoral degrees (five in education, three in electrical engineering and two in juvenile justice).

The commencement ceremony for the Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailford College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business, Whitlowe R. Green College of Education and the College of Engineering will be held Saturday, Dec. 13 at 9:00 a.m.

The second commencement ceremony for the Graduate School, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, School of Architecture, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology and the College of Nursing will be held Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. The line up begins at noon.

Media interested in covering PVAMU's Fall 2008 commencement exercises should contact the Public Relations Office at (936) 261-2134.

About Prairie View A&M University

Ranked the only Texas school on Black Enterprise magazine's 2006 list of "Top 50 Colleges and Universities for

African-Americans," Prairie View A&M University was founded in 1876 and is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in Texas.

With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees in 50 academic majors, 41 master's degrees and four doctoral programs through nine colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service. During the university's 132-year history, more than 51,500 academic degrees have been awarded. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.

Black Teen Commits Suicide in Front of Webcam

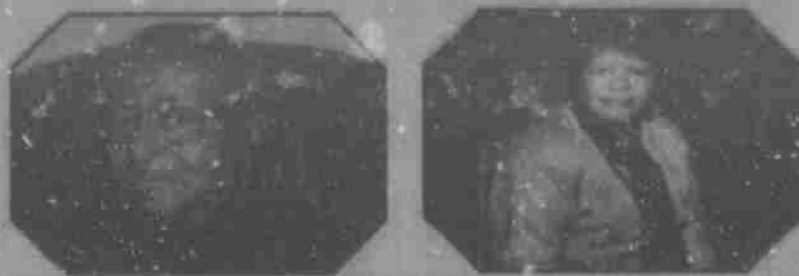
MIAMI (AP) — A South Florida college student killed himself by overdosing on drugs in front of a live online audience as some computer users egged him on, some debated his method, and others tried to talk him out of it.

Abraham Biggs, 19, of Pembroke Pines, died Wednesday at his home from a toxic combination of opiates and benzodiazepine, a drug used to treat insomnia and depression, said Wendy Crane, an investigator with the Broward County medical examiner's office.

Authorities say the Broward Community College student is no: the first person to commit suicide with a webcam rolling.

It's unclear how many people were watching through the Web site bodybuilding.com.

"Thank You, Lubbock!"



On behalf of Dr. Homer L. Avery, Sr.'s family, we would like to thank everyone for your kindness and generosity during the death of our father, pastor, friend and husband. We appreciate the phone calls, flowers, cards, food, prayers, and monetary gifts. Special thanks to the First Baptist Church, Pastor Dr. Bobby Dagnel, Lubbock Area Baptist Association, Parkway Baptist Church, pastor Deshawn Avery, Pastor J. H. Ford, Divine Love Pastor Kenneth Burns and our home church, First Progressive Baptist Church, the King Sisters and family, Pastor J. J. Johnson, Pastor Harris, Superintendent David Haynes, Steve Sanders, Rev. Alvin Butler, Pastor Austin of Waco, Texas, the City Wide Ushers, all Ministers and First Ladies and family. A special thanks to Bishop J. E. Judie.

Thanks to Hospice of Lubbock, the Doctors and nurses at Covenant who helped with our father's care and his physician for many years, Dr. Hill. To his very loving nieces, cousins who traveled near and far we thank you. Also to Griffin Mortuary for the care of our father, thank you for making our Father's Homegoing a great celebration. May God smile upon you all.

Love -- Willie, Evelyn, Butch, Deshawn and Emma Avery

Open Mic Will Be Held At Patterson Library

Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 2:00pm. We will be discussing "Divorcing The Devil" by Dwan Abrams. The group welcomes members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection. Titles up for discussion are made available for free check-out at the library. For more details, please call Helen Visser-Fitzgerald at 767-3300 or email hvisser@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us.

Open Mic Poetry Night Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:00pm. Bring a poem to share, or just listen. Sign up will start at 6:30pm.

Special Notice!

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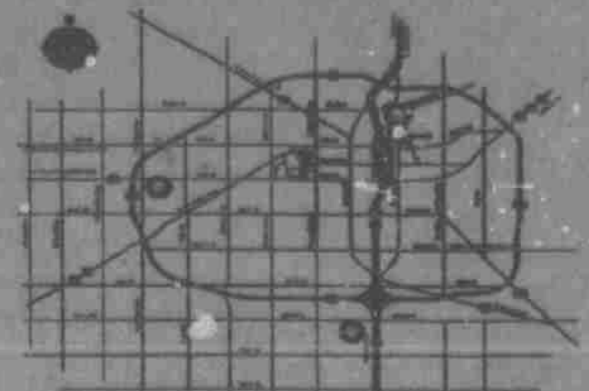
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LHA Opens Public Housing Waiting List

Effective November 3, 2008 The Lubbock Housing Authority will open the Public Housing waiting list for new applicants.

Application process:

A Public Housing Application packet may be picked up at The Lubbock Housing Authority central office located at 1708 Crickets Avenue from 7:00am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday.

Applications will be accepted on a walk-in basis from 7:30am to 11:30am and 1:00 to 3:30pm Tuesday and Thursday each week

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

STILL WAITING FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL MEETING! THIS N THAT ... is still waiting to hear from ... our school board representative ... **MS. VERNITA HOLMES** ... about an upcoming school meeting to discuss what all can do to help make our schools a more positive perspective in Lubbock. It is important that as many as can will attend and this meeting ... when it is set ... and know about the location of the meeting. **THIS N THAT** ... will be looking for the meeting ... and will do what needs to be done to get the information out in the community about the meeting. Anyway ... let's hope it will come in the very near future ... Keep in mind it will not be a ... **MEETING** ... if you are not present. So stay tune for the meeting.

SPEAKING OF AN IMPORTANT MEETING! THIS N THAT ... has learned of another ... **IMPORTANT**

MEETING ... which will be held on ... **SATURDAY AFTERNOON** ... December 6, 2008 ... at the Mae Simmons Community Center ... from 3:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. ... This meeting is being sponsored by the ... **B.L.A.C.C.C. B.L.C.C.C.** ... which stands for ... Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Covenants & Creeds ... Boldly, Realistically, Intelligently, Consciously, Concerns & Committees. This special ... **TOWN HALL MEETING** ... is being spearheaded by two young Black men ... **DONNELL HOOPER & HILLARY HUTCHINSON, JR.** ... who have both returned back home ... and want to see their community become a much better place for our children to attend school and live in their neighborhood. **THIS N THAT** ... would hope as many as can will be in attendance of this ... **IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING**.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THANKSGIVING DAY ... is set aside for ... **ALL OF US** ... to be ... **THANKFUL FOR ALL THE GOOD THINGS** ... which have come our way over the ... **PAST YEAR** ... and we should be ... **THANKFUL!**"

A BRANCH BANK WILL BE MOST APPRECIATIVE! **THIS N THAT** ... is still asking if there are anyone in the ... **BANKING COMMUNITY** ... would see a need for either a ... **BANK OR BRANCH BANK** ... in the City of Lubbock. Since there at least ... **TWENTY-FIVE BANKS AND BRANCH BANKS** ... in Lubbock ... but there not ... **ONE** ... in East Lubbock. Surely ... there is an opportunity for the ... **THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS** ... who reside in East Lubbock. Surely rely ... this can happen ... that is ... if there are those who want to see it become a reality. It can really happen if we believe!



THINK ABOUT IT!

Change Is Now Change Is Here

by Eddie P. Richardson

Last week we talked about making it out of the justice system with out being apart of it by beating the system by not being caught up in it on the wrong side of the law and working within the system and not having to continue looking over ones shoulder with every move made.

It is easier to achieve in mainstream society than it is on the streets, being slick selling or using drugs. You have to stay 20 hours a day on the streets. You have to wake up in the morning and serve those drug addicts or be served served yourself as a dope addict. By noon you go back to sleep, then you are up by 3pm to serve the evening dope addicts or be served your self depending what side or role you play user or seller or both. Then you get prepared for the all-night drug addicts. All the time watching your back for the police or your enemies. It's a tough job. College is much easier believe it.

The Black community can save our youth believe it, by having them join or work with churches and church groups, civil rights groups, like

the N A A C P Rainbow/Push Coalition and the National Urban League. Community organizations, like the Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission and many others just find the one you like and want to work with keep your self occupied your life will be a lot more productive and you will feel much better about your self. If you are saying society is discriminating against you and that's why you are not being hired, then you have to fight back and there are organizations that will help you do that.

Blacks must also fight for public policy that creates better education for our young people and fights for equal opportunity. In exchange for our tax dollars, it's the governments responsibility to educate our young people, provide after school programs and early childhood education such as head start.

Mentoring is the Number one way to help young men and women get on the right track. Each one teach one started by the Black Panther Party in the hay day of the civil rights

movement was very successful now and is still successful today. Mentoring is the best way. But there is a shortage of mentors when you look at the million Black men in jail. We can't volunteer our way out of this situation; there aren't enough of us. We must engage in social service and social justice for policies that will enhance the quality of life in our communities. There are so many obstacles that we face—denial of equal education and employment opportunities. And those obstacles will always be there. The answer is man up close that door and fight back. Be the man you say you are. The key and crucial thing is when you fight back, fight back with the right weapon—education, a skilled trade or your own business. Choose what life you want the choice is yours, suggestion be strong choose the non justice, crime ridden life.

Closing Thought - 'Never tell evil of a man, if you do not know it for certain, and if you know it for certain, then ask yourself why should I tell it?'

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



the conspicuous consumption of the top administrators of these companies and can justifiable assume that the lower level administrators have fared just as well.

My wise grandmother used to say, "Something is wrong in Denmark" when she thought that did not add up, speaking metaphorically reflecting on Shakespearean literature. The thing that I see wrong is that a small group of American businessmen have sought to steal the economic wealth of this country and keep it for themselves while sending the majority of us to a level of absolute starvation and pennilessness and then asking

for whatever we managed to salvage, to let them have that also in order to appear to be victims. If our government helps these victims, they promise to help the poor. Hogwash. In addition to this scenario, who but the first man of color to be elected U. S. President will have to deal with the mess. It takes a lot of courage and faith in God for anyone in his right mind to want the job. We need to get 'in cinque' and be thankful that someone wants to do something positive in the White House that will hopefully help our world, as the economic situation here has circled the globe.

There is one good thing happening now. Many people are eagerly preparing to attend the inauguration of the President-elect, Barack Obama. But beneath all of the aura and auroa, a depression looms. It appears that the economists are afraid to call a spade, a spade. Some even speak of the coming recession. They do not want to admit the real state of affairs, but it does not take a rocket scientist to see what is really happening.

One thing we all know for sure is that a number of individuals at the helm of financial institutions and huge corporations have stacked up zillions of dollars as the taxpayer's expense and now look to Congress for a 'bailout' while driving high maintenance automobiles and private jet airplanes while impeccably dressed, with valets and chauffeurs. I personally have no sympathy for them, but feel for the retirees who are recipients of company pension plans. If Congress is to do any 'bailing out' it should be for the pension fund beneficiaries. Their funds should be protected. They worked long and hard for them. What happened to the profits that these humongous companies made? We can see

Thank God For Jesus
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message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign (rule) over us.

Now America is in a recession and heading for a depression.

Even now she playing with X-MAS; before Thanksgiving has completed its session!!!

America don't have time to **PRAISE GOD; even on THANKSGIVING DAY.**

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America is now in a mess; economic is broken people losing jobs and homes.

But is America low enough to call on **GOD; WHO IS ON HIS THRON!!!**

II Chronicles 7:14 -- (GOD

SAID,) "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

"The Curious Savage" slated for Dec. 4-7

LEVELLAND - The South Plains College Theatre Department will present "The Curious Savage," a comic play by John Patrick, at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4-6 in the Helen Devitt Jones Theatre for the Performing Arts. The play also will be presented on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The theatre has festival seating with no reserved seats.

The play focuses on Ethel P. Savage, a woman whose husband recently died and left her \$10 million.

The cast features Brie Moynihan of Lubbock playing the part of Florence; Brian Lee of Morton playing the part of Hamibal; Traci Beri of Lubbock playing the part of Fairy Mae; Rob Guajardo of Sundown playing the part of Jeffrey; Michaela Alaniz of Andrews playing the part of Mrs. Paddy; Robert Sullivan of Lubbock playing the part of Titus.

The cast also includes

5 Easy Tips To Avoid Over-Eating This Season

The change of the seasons alone is enough to cause some people to overeat, especially those in cold climates. Combine this with the stress of the economy, the holidays, and an abundance of seasonal foods - and the temptation can become very overwhelming for some.

So how can you short-circuit that temptation and still enjoy yourself? Here are 5 easy, practical and realistic tips to use:

1) Don't Starve Yourself

The number-one rule to avoid holiday overeating is to make sure you eat enough. This is not the time to start restricting calories to the point where you're so hungry...even the foods you "hate to eat" starts to look good. The key is to eat small meals or snacks frequently throughout the day. This way, you won't ever really feel hungry, and you'll be able to resist all those grains and high-sugar foods that will sabotage your healthy diet. Fill up on all the nutritious foods, like healthy meats, vegetables, coconut or some berries that you want so that you won't feel that you're missing out.

2) Buy a New Outfit

This tip can work for Ladies and Gents! Whether you decide to indulge in a new blouse, dress or a special shirt and tie, the point is to purchase something that you are really looking forward to wearing and that you feel good about. When you feel good about yourself on the outside, it will help you to respect yourself from the inside and you'll be less inclined to keep reaching for the "better than sex" cake.

3) Get Some Fresh Air

A simple, quick walk outside

Chauncey Moore of Levelland playing the part of Samuel; Stephanie Whaley of Levelland playing the part of Lili Belle; Courtney Terrell of Lubbock playing the part of Etzel; Meleah Melton of Andrews playing the part of Miss Wilhelmina; Aaron Gregg of Levelland playing the part of Dr. Emmett; and Garrison Matriele working as the stage manager.

For more information, call Dan Nazworth, instructor of Theatre Arts, at 806-716-2266.

will not only give you a quick burst of energy, it will also take your mind off of food. By the time you come back inside, you'll feel refreshed and your food cravings will likely be diminished. Taking a walk after dinner is especially helpful because moving around will help your meal to digest and reduce your chance of becoming sluggish or tired.

4) Deal With Your Emotions

Many of our food cravings have nothing to do with physical cravings and are actually emotionally based. You may associate certain holiday foods with the comfort of your childhood and be tempted to overeat them to try and regain that sense of comfort. Or, the stress of the holidays may be behind your

overeating. Instead opt to get involved in a fun board game with friends or relatives. Or you can relax in a recliner and sip on some organic hot apple cider and let the stress melt away!

5) Remember: Its Just Another Meal

Focus on being grateful for life itself and you'll quickly see that family and friends are at the center. This outlook will take the focus off of food.

Makeisha Lee is the author of "Why Black People Can't Lose Weight". She is also the founder of the Black Health Network online at www.BlackHealth.org

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

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Rapper T.I. Testifies in Ohio Murder Trial

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rapper T.I. testified Friday that he believes the bullets fired at his entourage during a wild vehicle chase two years ago were meant for him.

He took the witness stand in the trial of Hosea Thomas, 34, who is accused of firing the shot that killed Philant Johnson during a gun battle on Interstate 75.

"All of those rounds were fired for me, in my opinion," he said, adding that he later apologized to Johnson's mother when he called her with the news.

Testifying for the prosecution, T.I. described seeing Johnson, whom he called his best and oldest friend, after their van pulled over. He said Johnson was lying lifeless, blood running down his face from a shot into his left temple.

Johnson was an assistant to T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris.

T.I. said he and Johnson grew up together in Atlanta.

The shooting occurred after a post-concert party at a club. T.I. said after his van drove away, he spotted another vehicle moving up from behind in traffic. Then shots rang out and he took cover.

Three others were injured. T.I. wasn't hurt.

He testified that after calling Johnson's mother, he talked to Johnson's young daughter whom he said was 4 or 5 years old.

"I told her that he was gone to a better place and he won't be coming back. And I told her how much he loved her," he said.

T.I. spoke calmly and directly during 30 minutes on the stand in a packed, small courtroom in the Hamilton County courthouse.

Prosecutors say Thomas' brother has identified him as the shooter. Padron Thomas was driving a Jeep that allegedly chased the vans used by T.I. and his entourage on May 3, 2006.



Rapper T.I.

Hosea Thomas' attorney said Padron Thomas is testifying against his brother to earn a lesser sentence on federal charges.

T.I. has had his own legal problems. He was sentenced to one year in prison on federal weapons charges after his arrest

in October 2007 before the BET Hip-Hop Awards in Atlanta for allegedly trying to buy automatic weapons. He is to start his sentence in March after completing 1,000 hours of community service.

His latest CD, "Paper Trail," debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200 album charts, and has produced two No. 1 singles, "Whatever You Like" and "Live Your Life" featuring Rihanna.

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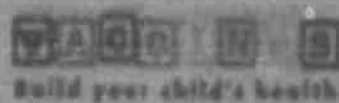


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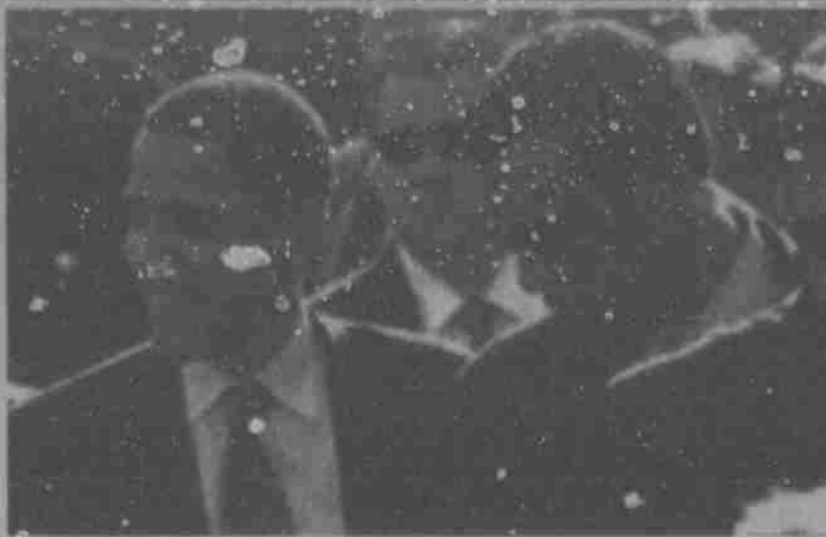
WASHINGTON - Threats against a new president historically spike right after an election, but from Maine to Idaho law enforcement officials are seeing more against Barack Obama than ever before. The Secret Service would not comment or provide the number of cases they are investigating. But since the Nov. 4 election, law enforcement officials have seen more potentially threatening writings, Internet postings and other activity directed at Obama than has been seen with any past president-elect, said officials aware of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue of a president's security is so sensitive.

Earlier this week, the Secret Service looked into the case of a sign posted on a tree in Vay, Idaho, with Obama's name and the offer of a "free public hanging." In North Carolina, civil rights officials complained of threatening racist graffiti targeting Obama found in a tunnel near the North Carolina State University campus.

And in a Maine convenience store, an Associated Press reporter saw a sign inviting customers to join a betting pool on when Obama might fall victim to an assassin. The sign solicited \$1 entries into "The Osama Obama Shotgun Pool," saying the money would go to the person picking the date closest to when Obama was attacked. "Let's hope we have a winner," said the sign, since taken down.

In the security world, anything "new" can trigger hostility, said Joseph Funk, a former Secret Service agent-turned security consultant who oversaw a private protection detail for Obama before the Secret Service began guarding the candidate in early 2007.

The Secret Service also has cautioned the public not to assume that any threats against



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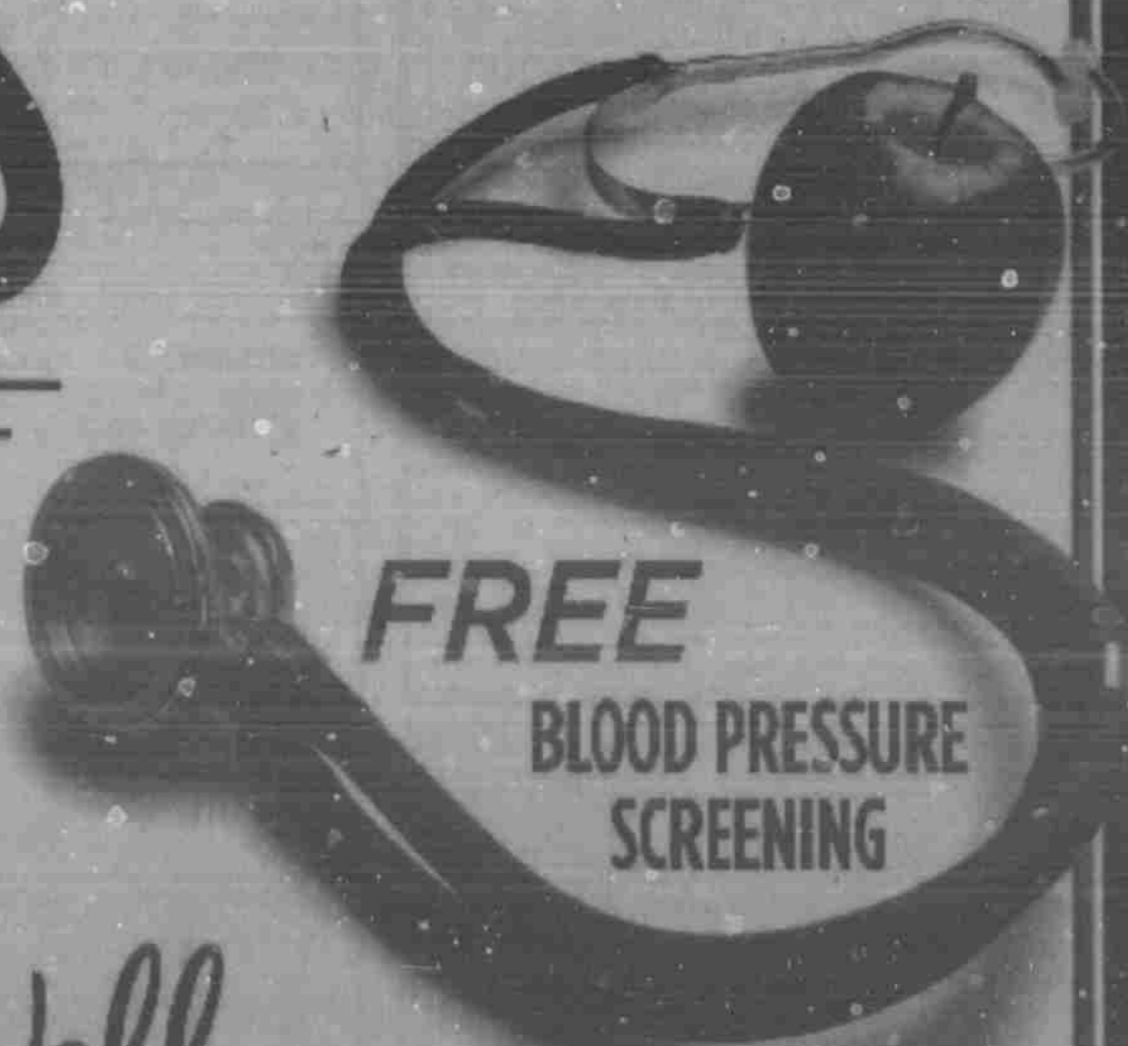
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