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Obama's Tax Hike For the Rich May Be Delayed

WASHINGTON - An economic crisis, rising joblessness and a credit squeeze can make a president-elect refine his words. Today's word is "repeal." During his presidential campaign, Barack Obama promised to repeal President George W. Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy ahead of their scheduled expiration in 2011.

It was part of how Obama would pay for an overall net tax cut aimed at low- and middle-income taxpayers, and an effort to bring what he called "fairness" to the tax system. No one is talking tax hikes now.

Over the last weekend, Obama said he has changed his new economic team with devising a plan that would create or preserve 2.5 million jobs over two years. He said the plan would include broad spending plans as well as the middle- and low-income tax cuts he described during the campaign. Aides later said the plan would not include any of the tax increases Obama, as a candidate, had said he would impose on taxpayers who make more than \$250,000.

Asked Monday, November



21, 2008, when those hikes might go into effect, Obama said, "Whether that's done through repeal, or whether that's done because the Bush tax cuts are not renewed, is something that my economic team will be providing me a recommendation on."

If repealed early, Obama's tax increase on the rich would have generated significant revenue, but not enough to compensate for the cost of his tax

crisis. An analysis by the Tax Policy Center, based on January 2008 income projections, estimated that the increases would result in about \$43 billion in revenue in 2009 and \$45 billion in 2010. Those numbers would be smaller now, as the economy has lowered expected incomes.

Obama's economic advisers say he will not propose any tax increases in the economic plan he unveils in January. It is to be focused entirely on job creation and economic recovery.

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 Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1700 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 Monday, 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/Marshattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Marshattan 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 AARP 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 Hart Elementary.
- Chapman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hart Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information today:
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50 years ago: Buffalo football players stood against racism

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Willie Evans doesn't know if his mind is failing or he's repressed the memories of what happened 50 years ago. For the life of him, Evans is unable to remember the fateful team meeting at which he felt the bite of racism and learned about the power of friendship to overcome it.

If the details have faded, it doesn't matter. When his University at Buffalo teammates retell the story, they can place exactly where Evans was sitting in the classroom when the team unanimously rejected a chance to play in the 1958 Tangerine Bowl, the school's first - and it turns out, only - bowl bid.

"Well, I'm getting old," said Evans, a former coach and physical education director for Buffalo schools who turns 71 this month. "Maybe, I've blocked it out. You really don't understand how your subconscious works all the time, or your conscious. But I really draw a blank."

Evans was the star halfback on the '58 Buffalo team that finished 8-1 to claim the Lambert Cup - awarded to the top small school in the East. The school initially accepted the Tangerine Bowl invitation.

But there proved to be a problem. Not long after the Bulls agreed to play, Tangerine Bowl officials informed Buffalo that the local school district, which operated the host stadium in Orlando, Fla., barred integrated games.

The players were left to decide whether to play without Evans and teammate Mike Wilson - the two African-Americans on the team.

It was quickly evident which way the players were leaning. The vote was taken before ballots could even be distributed.

"It was, 'Shall we leave the



University of Buffalo Football Team in 1958

Italians home? Oh my God, really? There was a lot of anger," former offensive tackle Jack Dempsey said. "We just threw the ballots on the floor and left. It was, 'Let's get out of here and go get a beer.'"

Quarterback Joe Oliverio remembers how infuriated he was.

"They insulted two of our teammates, and we were going to hit them back between the ears by refusing to go without our teammates," he said.

History will show that East Texas State defeated Missouri Valley 26-7 in the Tangerine Bowl that year. To the Bulls, they had scored a big victory, too.

"Someone asked me if we ever talk about the incompleteness of the season because we didn't go as far as we could've," said Phil Bamford, who doubled as an offensive lineman and linebacker. "I think now looking back, if we had given in, caved in, gone to the game and won the game, we would've never

had the camaraderie we have now. We would've always felt we let our buddies down."

And Evans was definitely present for that meeting, his teammates said.

"Absolutely, I can picture where he was sitting and Mike Wilson," Dempsey said. "I can remember walking out and players putting their arms around (Evans). ... I can remember it vividly. It wasn't like hearts and flowers. We just walked out, let's get out of here. Screw it."

For Evans, his first memory of learning of what had happened came a day later, when he picked up the newspaper to find his and Wilson's picture on the front page beneath a headline, "UB Turns Down Bid To Tangerine Bowl."

"I started reading it and said, 'Damn, this is weird,'" Evans said.

Evans grew up in an integrated neighborhood in Buffalo, then a multiethnic manufacturing city with a lively downtown core.

teams for the winter season of volleyball on December 1-5, 2008. Divisions are available for men, women and co-rec teams. Players must be 16 years old or older to participate. Cost per team is \$170 for the ten-game season, and all games are played at L.I.S.D. Junior High gyms.

Late registration will be December 8-12, 2008, with a late fee of \$30 added to the cost.

per team. League play begins the week of January 6, 2009.

To register, come by the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the Parks Office at 775-2572.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU!



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

38th Annual MLK Celebration Set Here January 16 - 19, 2009

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Inc. will present its 38th Annual Celebration January 16 through 19, 2009. This year's theme will be: "Change - Past, Present, Future." Ecclesiastes 3:1.

The program will be as follows:

Friday - January 16, 2009: Youth Explosion - Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - January 17, 2009: Martin Luther King Commemorative Black Tie Banquet, McTurff Center, University Medical Center, 602

Indiana Avenue. Speaker will be Ruffin McNeill. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Table rates are available.

Sunday, January 18, 2009: City Wide Celebration Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, 5:00 p.m. Guest Speakers: Rev. J. H. Ford, Rev. Larry Brooks and Rev. Jack Moore. Special Music by MLK Mass Choir.

Monday, January 19, 2009: Gospel Awards, Allen Theatre, Texas Tech University Student Union, 15th Street & Boston Avenue, 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Funeral Services Set Today In Atlanta, Ga. For Ricky Cooke



Charles Ricky Cooke

Atlanta, Ga. - Funeral services for Charles Frederic Cooke, III, a former resident of Lubbock and graduate of Dunbar High School, will be held this morning, Thursday, December 4, 2008, at Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 220 Auburn Avenue, NE, with Rev. Gregory Eason as Eulogist.

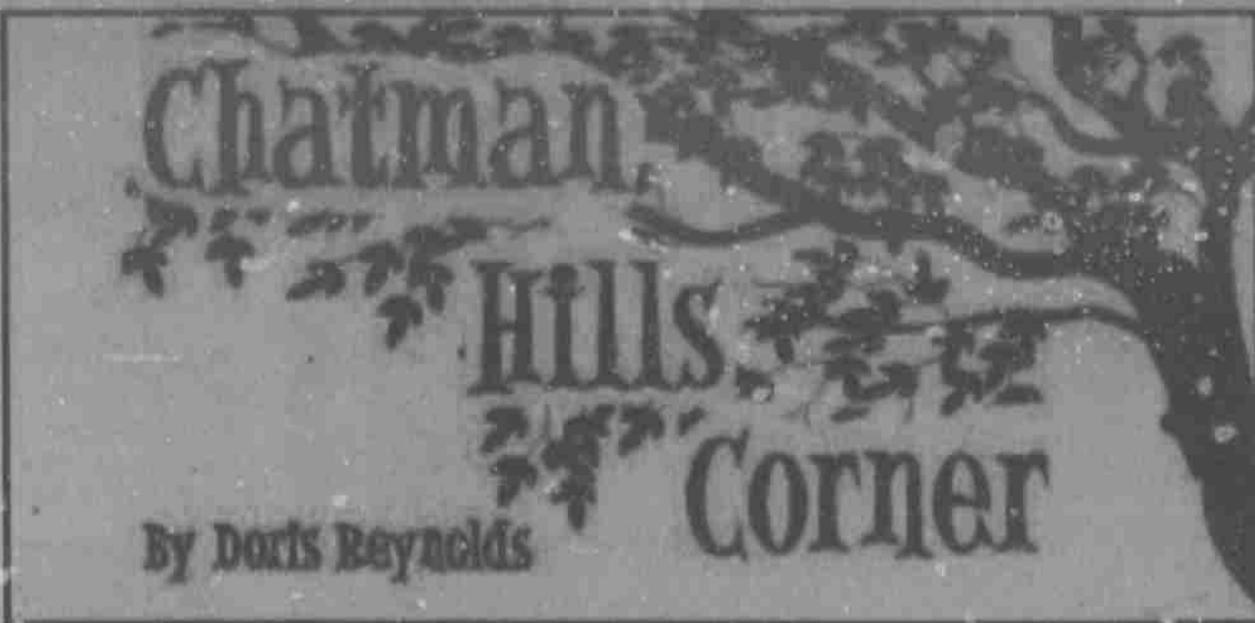
Interment will follow in Southview Cemetery under the direction of Willis A. Watkins Funeral Home of Atlanta.

He was commonly and most affectionately as "Ricky". He was born in Lubbock, Texas on September 3, 1956. Ricky was the first born of three children born to The Late Charles Frederic Cooke, Jr. and Vivian Tamplin Cooke. Ricky began a lifetime filled with humor, love and devotion to people. Ricky obtained his business degree from McPherson College in 1977. Following graduation,

Ricky relocated to Atlanta where he worked for Atlanta Life Insurance Company and completed his MBA at Georgia State University.

After meeting Nancy Mercedes Hill at the National Insurance Convention, at the tender age of 11, they began developing their special friendship. Years later, Ricky and Nancy were married on December 16, 1978 and are just days short of their 30th wedding anniversary. Nancy gave birth to Charvon Jessica Cooke Scarborough, Esq. and Jonathan Charles Cooke, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; Jessica (James) and Jonathan; his mother Vivian Tamplin Cooke; brother, Gerald Cooke (Kristin), mother and father-in-law Jesse and Azira Hill; brother and sister-in-law Azira and Errol Kendall; other family members and friends.



Hope all of you had a wonderful time during the Thanksgiving Day holiday. There were many who came back home for this special holiday.

Among them include: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lampkin and daughters, Mrs. Latasha Natafha and Ms. Kimber Lampkin, great granddaughter, Natalia Newsome, all of Arlington. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Roberson of Houston. They were visiting their parents, Rev. & Mrs.

Edwin Scott, Sr.

Also, Ms. Mary Coffield of Centerville who was visiting her oldest sister, Ms. Ethel Young. Ms. Carolyn Rollinson of Houston who visited relatives here including her brother, niece and aunt. Visiting their parents and grand parents, Bobbie and T. J. Patterson, were Rev. & Mrs. T. J. Patterson, Jr. and children, T. J., III and Lauren, of Mansfield.

Rev. Zairrous Patterson of Riverside, California visited his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Shaun

Harris and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Patterson.

Also visiting in the "Hub City" on November 23, 2008 were Pastor Erna Jean Melton and grandson, Eric French, both of Fort Worth. They attended church services at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She sang an inspiring song and dedicated it to Sister Ruby Donaldson, her cousin, and Sister Bobbie Gene Patterson.

Sister Sarah Bunton had a wonderful time entertaining her sister, Sandra Baptist of Galveston, over the Thanksgiving holidays. She has a son, Richard Jones, who is a member of the Texas Tech Red Raiders football team. She attended the game against Baylor University last Saturday.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 30, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Pastor Moton preached on the subject "That Type of Thanksgiving is Unacceptable" Continue on Page 4

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "Charity suffereth long and is kind, charity envieth not, charity vaunteth not itself in not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things, hopeth all things." 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, November 30, 2008, services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor, got underway with the spirit being high!

Sunday School started at 9:45a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "My Ongoing Mission" Romans 15:14-21, 30-33, 16:25-27.

The question to ask is: "HOW CAN SINFUL MAN BE IN A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH A HOLY GOD?"

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted, trustworthy and dedicated Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing. The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee, and it came from Psalm 78:1-7. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus".

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. There was the fellowship period for about 5 minutes and then there was the offering that was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Trouble In My Way" and "This Little Light". "Amazing Grace" was also sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: "Slippery Place" Psalm 73:1-9. After the sermon, the song, "I'll Fly Away" was sang. The invitation to discipleship was extended and there was several that went up for prayer. Sister Angela Johnson acknowledged all the visitors that was present.

There was a fellowship held at Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, and there were several churches in attendances. The spirit was felt by all.

Pray for those who are sick, shut-in, prison bounded and locked up in jail. Pray for all of those who are in nursing homes.

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 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

Church of the Blessed

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FASHION FLYN
by Shirley Robinson
CRYSTAL TRIM SKIRT

Rich colors of the season create a brazen sateen jacket and pant combo. Embroidered buttons and detail along the collar add to the intricate detail of this outfit.

Mesh bead work along the side of the leg. Plum color, flare leg. This sexy little number will definitely take your place, and wow! what a way to go.

AT YOUR BETTER DEPT. STORE.. SOUTH PLAINS MALL

Fashion tip.. always wear a smile

Fashion.. just for the fun of it

side of the leg. Plum color, flare leg. This sexy little number will definitely take your place, and wow! what a way to go.

Date Change For EHS Production

December 10 - DATE CHANGE - (Originally scheduled for December 1) The Estacado High School theater department presents William Shakespeare's "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream." The curtain will rise at 10:30 a.m. in the Estacado High School auditorium, 1504 E. Itasca.

No admission fee. For more information contact either LISD contact: Nancy Sharp, 766-1062 or Estacado contact: Stacey Shaffer, 766-1400.

Councilman sues city

MIDLOTHIAN
Midlothian Place 3 Councilman Ken Chambers is suing the city of Midlothian for \$1 million.

In court papers filed Monday in Ellis County Court at Law No. 1, Chambers alleges the city formed a subcommittee, investigated him, never disclosed the complaint against him and acted in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act, all of which he alleges resulted in his defamation. The suit specifically names Midlothian Mayor Boyce Whatley, Place 4 Councilman Joe Frizzell, Place 6 Councilman Steve Massey and the city of Midlothian.

The suit requests seven actions from the court: The issuing of an injunction against the convening of subcommittees in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- The issuing of an injunction against the convening of subcommittees and assigning governmental powers to them.

- The expungement, or erasing, of all actions of the subcommittee.

- Punitive damages in the amount of \$1 million to ensure the rightful use of Midlothian City Council powers.

- Attorney fees incurred by Chambers in defending himself against the city's subcommittee this summer.

- Attorney fees incurred in this lawsuit.

Chambers initially said Tuesday night he was contemplating litigation against the city and, when presented with a copy of the suit, admitted he was suing the city.

The suit was filed by attorney Todd Phillip of Midlothian, who provided a copy of the suit to the Midlothian Mirror on Tuesday afternoon.

Chambers said Tuesday night he felt defamed by the city's action, and felt the Council Relations and Governance Subcommittee met in violation of the state's open meeting law.

Chambers deferred other questions to his attorney.

Midlothian city attorney Don Stout said he was aware of the suit, but had not seen it.

"I really don't feel I can comment until I read it," Stout said.

At the center of the controversy between Chambers and the city is the formation of the CRG by the Midlothian City Council earlier this year to investigate allegations of ethics violations by Chambers.

Chambers has been an opponent of annexation and has repeatedly chastised the city council for what he believes is exorbitant spending.

This spring, the city contended Chambers violated the city's code of ethics by allegedly spreading misinformation about the city, making ethnic references during the spring city council campaign, providing RCAA.

Concerned Citizens Offering Scholarship

The Concerned Citizens, Inc. is offering The Gwendolyn & Clarence Denson Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Qualifications are as follows: GPA of at least 2.50; registered as a full-time student; have passed the TAKS, and is African-American.

The scholarship will be distributed to the recipient upon finishing one semester of an institution of higher education.

The deadline is December 31, 2008. Please call Dwight Pierce at (806) 741-0497 for more information and to request a scholarship application.

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Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH
"We The People Not The Bigot"

According to the United States Bureau of the Census, the resident population of the United States projected on December 1, 2008 at 00:52 GMT (EST-5) is 305,781,104. The component setting for November 2008 is one birth every 7 seconds, one death every 12 seconds, one international migrant (net) every 29 seconds and a net gain of one person every 11 seconds.

The ethnic groups in the United States are white 79.96%, black 12.85%, Asian 4.43%, Amerindian and Alaska native 0.97%, native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander 0.18%, two or more races 1.61% (July 2007 estimate) note: a separate listing for Hispanic is not included because the US Census Bureau considers Hispanic to mean a person of Latin American descent (including person of Cuban, Mexican, or Puerto Rican origin) living in the United States who may be of any race or ethnic group (white, black, Asian, etc.); about 15.1% of the total US population is Hispanic.

Religions of the United States include Protestant 51.3%, Roman Catholic 23.9%, Mormon 1.7%, other Christian 1.6%, Jewish 1.7%, Buddhist 0.7%, Muslim 0.6%, other or unspecified 2.5%, unaffiliated

12.1%, none 4% (2007 est.) Languages of the United States-English 82.1%, Spanish 10.7%, other indo-European 3.8%, Asian and Pacific island 2.7%, other 0.7% (2000 census).

United States Legal system: federal court system based on English common law; each state has its own unique legal system, of which all but one (Louisiana, which is still influenced by the Napoleonic Code) is based on English common law; judicial review of legislative acts; Law not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction.

The above is mention so that the readers of this weekly column will look at the total picture of what has happen politically and economically and what we must do as Americans to make our country and the world a better place to live.

As African Americans we are tempted to glory in the fact one identified with us is the leader of the free world. However, we must continue to be prayerful and vigilant because the above numbers show there would not have been a snow ball chance in hell (so to speak) if the majority of Americans who were not in favor of "change" would Obama have been elected to the office of President of the United States of America and become the

most powerful man in the free world.

We must also pray that the Lord will put a shield of protection around President-elect Obama. There are those who desire his hurt as indicated in an article published by the Athens Banner-Herald, November 30, 2008.

Every American president is at risk of an assassination attempt. But because of the historic nature of President-elect Barack Obama's victory as the first black in that office, the risk of assassination is greater.

Obama is a target for the deranged, the politically extreme and other would-be assassins. He also aroused the hatred of bigotry, as evidenced by the ugly underside of the election. He has received more death threats than any other president-elect, authorities say.

So it is not surprising that people reacted with outrage about a sign in a Standish, Maine, store that invited customers to bet \$1 on a date when Obama would be assassinated. The sign, written on an eraser board, said "Osama Obama Shotgun Pool. Stabbing, shooting, roadside bombs, they all count. Let's hope someone wins."

The sign was reported to the **Continue on Page 8**

We Thank God for Jesus

CHRISTMAS MOCKING GOD

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Merriam, II - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

1 Timothy 3:1-5 -- This I know also, that in the last days perilous (dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that do good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

We know you can mock the President, because we've seen it done on T.V. It is disrespectful; but it's a new thing; called freedom of speech!!!

Proverb 14:12 -- There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

***** ARE YOU MOCKING GOD; PLAYING WITH SANTA CLAUS????*****

Mankind knows he can even mock Preachers; with some kind of comedy.

That is what the world has come to; and its freedom of speech!!!

2 Kings 2:23-24 -- And he (Elisha the preacher) went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way,

there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the woods, and tare forty and two children of them.

Man has been mocking mankind; and doing it for a long, long time.

But when he starts mocking GOD; he must be loosing his MIND!

Proverb 24:21-22 -- My son, fear the Lord and the king (president); and meddle not with them that are given to change: for their Calamity shall suddenly; and who knows the ruin of them both?

***** ITS JESUS PLUS NOTHING!!!!*****

Mocking GOD is when you take things; and say, you're doing them for GOD.

Only to do what you please; and its not from your HEART!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 -- Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. (Now that mankind has put

in CHRISTMAS with that Santa Claus LIE; and it's out hand. Many people won't give things like they used, because of the UN-EMPLOYED in the LAND. Now do that prove you don't LOVE LOVE ONES AS MUCH; BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BUY AS MUCH???)

***** WAS THERE PEACE ON BLACK FRIDAY????*****

There was a time when CHRISTMAS praised GOD; it was from the HEART.

But then MAN got where they wanted; to put in their own SMARTS.

Romans 1:24-25, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever Amen.

Then they put in Santa's red nose-deer, and his flying rein-deers;

Along with Santa's little helpers; with the very large cars!!!

CHRISTMAS is made into a fairy-tale; thing that are not TRUE.

NOW WITH THE BIRTH
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 10th Street, last Sunday morning, November 30, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "Grace In Times of Trouble." The scripture text was

11 Corinthians 11:17, 21-30; and 12:9-10.

Again, the morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. There were some inspiring information brought to those in attendance about Paul.

The key verse was: "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:45 a. m. with Sister George Ann Hereford and Sister Barbara Johnson in charge. The spirit was very high with continuing in prayer by Sister Ethel Williams.

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

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Lord Don't Leave Us." His scripture text was Luke

4:38-44. Another wonderful and inspiring message came from our pastor.

Our weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 5:00 p. m.; Wednesday evenings, Bible Study, 6:00 p. m.; Friday evenings, Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m. and Saturday morning, Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is looking for a

Musician. If you are interested, then call Pastor Canady at (806a) 744-2445.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you did.

If I can help some wounded heart,

If I can by my love impart Some blessing that will help more now --

Lord, just show me how!!!

Thought For The Today: "No one is strong enough to bear his burdens alone."

As we enter into the Christmas holidays, let us not forget the reason for the season. It is the celebration of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who was sent and born and even died for our sins. It is just a marvelous time of the year. God be the Glory!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking the question: "Does Love Matter?" And "What Love Got To Do With It?" 1 Corinthian 13.

Love by the world's standard is a fleeting emotion that is often professed, but rarely shown through commitment and selfless action. Love, by scriptural standards, is not lip service nor an emotion, but a choice and a sincere commitment to give of oneself in seeking the best for others regardless of time, test or temptation.

Love has everything to do with it. God showed his love for us by giving his son as a sacrifice for all. Mankind benefits. Therefore, pleased when he sees us exhibiting the same selfless love for other believers in service and through the use of our spiritual gifts.

If we are not sharing our gifts through love, our service to others become empty, and we will not bear any lasting fruit. However, when Christlike love leads the way, our gifts are used in miraculous, aculous, timely ways for the awesome benefit of those we serve.

The Holiday Season is upon us. Have you ever given a gift to someone and they never used it? Since you know the time and effort it took to choose something especially for them, it can be disheartening to think that it was not really appreciated. Imagine how God must feel when we don't use the gifts He has given. Imagine what He must think about our level of appreciation. God generously

gives spiritual gifts to all believers has any reason to feel superior to others, he's or her gift did not originate within him or herself.

God has placed precious gifts inside us. It is therefore, our duty to give of our gifts as he will. We are to use our physical bodies as vehicles to bless, serve, and minister to others.

Don't envy others' gifts. Use what you have. If it's God given, it will work for you. When the world ask what love go to do with it? We can say "Everything."

Thanks for reading, Saints! This season give a gift of Love. This cannot be purchased from a store. It must come from (inside).

Keep those drive by prayers going, especially for our world!

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, December 6, 2008, in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood, 2132 East 30th Street, beginning at 9:00 a. m. If you have an opportunity, then, come by and fellowship with all of us.

Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christene Burleson, Vice President; and Sister Elnora Jones, Teacher.

Keep On Trusting!

by Rayless Conley

If you're like me, there's been a time in your life when trusting God has been tough. Perhaps that time is right now!

Maybe your marriage isn't where you would like it to be. Perhaps it's far from ideal... even very far from being

happy... and you've been praying and trusting God to turn things around.

Maybe you're trusting God for the healing of a physical affliction in your body. Maybe there's a difficult financial situation in which you're trusting God for favor. Maybe it has to do with your kids or some other situation in the home. Maybe it has to do with something that's going on at work and you're

trusting God for something to change.

Whatever it is, I want to encourage you with a word from the Lord today. I want to share with you one reason to hold fast. A reason to keep believing. A reason to hold on to the promise that God has put in your heart and to keep trusting Him.

That reason is this: If God ever helped you in the past, He can help you in the now.

I read a true story recently about a guy who was totally distraught over some bills which

had come due. And in the midst of his panic he remembered an experience he had as a World War II soldier fighting in the South Pacific.

He had become separated from his comrades, and some enemy soldiers had spotted him. In his attempt not to be caught, he scrambled through the jungle on the island he was on and managed to wedge himself inside a tiny little cave. And being a Christian, he prayed,

"God, please protect me."

In that moment, he noticed that a little spider had started to spin a web at the mouth of the cave, and for the next 30 minutes he watched that spider spin a web as his enemy searched the caves around him.

Pretty soon, the enemy soldiers appeared at the mouth of the cave—and in an instant, they were gone. The soldier realized the enemy assumed nobody would have gone into that cave if there was a spider web in front of it!

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Obsequies

William Henry Porter, Jr.

Funeral services for William Henry Porter, Jr. were held last Saturday morning, November 29, 2008, at Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

"Pappy" Porter, Jr. 88, of Lubbock passed away at Covenant Medical Center on Saturday, November 22, 2008.

Mr. Porter, Jr. "Pappy" was born to the parentage of William H. Porter, Sr. and Kittie (Ellis) Porter in Paris, Texas, on July 14, 1920. He entered into the US Army in 1945 and was honorably discharged after four years.

Mr. Porter leaves to cherish his memory one sister, Elrena



Porter Cooper; four daughters, Joan Porter, Belinda Porter Finney, Juanita (Gary) Kirby, and Alvita White; two sons, Elder Fred (Lindalyn) Porter, and Jackie (Margaret) Porter; 21 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and host of friends.

Terry Gene Adams, Sr.

Funeral services for Terry Gene Adams, Sr. were held Monday, December 1, 2008 at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Burial followed in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Adams, Sr., 62, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, November 25, 2008 at University Medical Center.

He was born on November 29, 1945 to the parentage of Oscar Adams and his beloved mother, Frances Walker Young. He graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Class of 1966. In that same year he entered the U.S. Army.

Those left behind to cherish his memory include his wife of



39 years, Patricia Ann Adams; three daughters: Tina Adams-Mason, Tisha Adams, and Tracie Adams; one son, Jason Adams; six grandchildren; three brothers, Raymond Jones, Jesse Duke, and Jesse Young; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Benny Wayne Brown

St. Paul, Mn. — Funeral services for Ms. Benny Wayne Donaldson, a sister of Lubbock resident, E. J. Donaldson, were held Friday afternoon, November 14, 2008.

Ms. Brown died Saturday,

November 8, 2008 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She was born November 5, 1933 in Wichita Falls, Texas to the parents of the late Cordia and Felley Donaldson.

She was employed and retired from Control Data Corporation.

She is survived by her children: Michelle Brown, Byron Brown, Miranda Brown and

Elbert Stiggers



Funeral services for Elbert Stiggers, 81, of Lubbock were held last Saturday morning, November 29, 2008, at 20th and Birch Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Stiggers passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008.

Elbert's career as a farmer in West Texas spanned over four decades. He was a faithful member of the 20th and Birch Church of Christ.

Elbert is survived by John H. Stiggers (Katherine) of Lubbock, Robert M. Stiggers of Arlington, Calvin R. Stiggers (Armin) of Oslo, Norway, Alvin R. Stiggers of Dallas, Gwendolyn D. Stiggers of Grand Prairie, Ricky L. Stiggers (Sheila) of Highland Village and Regina V. Stiggers of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hattie Lee Stiggers; and two sons, Charles Elbert Stiggers and Darry Lynn Stiggers.

Calvin Tucker

Graveside service were held for Calvin Tucker Tuesday, afternoon, December 2, 2008, at Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Tucker, 62, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the VA Hospital in Amarillo. He was born June 12, 1922 to the parentage of J. C. and Beatrice Tucker in

Steven Brown; brothers: L. C. Donaldson, Felley Donaldson and E. J. Donaldson; son; four grande children: Sean Brown, Marc Brown, Billy Smith, Jr. and Bobby Smith; a host of great grandchildren; a host of great-great grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.



Here's Regina King at the Third Annual Black Girls Rock Awards looking toned and sexy. A whole gang of beautiful, Black, successful women were there such as Estelle, Iman, and Pam Grier. There were also a few weirdos in the building like that Teyana Taylor and the Godmother of weird, Erykah Badu.

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To God." His scripture text was Luke 18:10-11. It was a very inspiring message.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on our sick and shut-in list. Brother Alfred Caviel remains in Covenant Medical Center. Your prayers are appreciative.

There are those who have lost loved ones this past week. Among them include the family of Rickey Cooke who passed away in Atlanta, Georgia last Saturday night, November 29, 2008. Funeral services are set for today, Thursday, there.



Cameron. He was inducted into the Army on November 3, 1942 and served in World War II.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Amette L. Tucker; his children, Calvernette Tucker, Tracy Tucker, and Stacy Tucker; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, J. C. Tucker; two sisters, Evelyn and Pearly Mae; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Councilman Klein Hosting Town Hall Meeting

District 3 City Council member Todd Klein will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, at Roy Roberts Elementary School, located at 7901 Avenue P. The purpose of the meeting is to address citizen issues in District 3.

New Light Celebrates 8th Year Musical

The New Light Baptist Church is inviting the public to come and help them celebrate their 8th Year Musical.

This celebration will take place Sunday afternoon, December 8, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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 o Always after using the toilet
 o After infant diaper change
 o Frequently throughout the day
What should I do if I think I may be infected?
 • Call your doctor immediately
 • Use good handwashing while you are ill to prevent spreading the illness to your family and/or coworkers.

Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

YOUNG MAN RICKEY COOKE SUCCUMBS IN ATLANTA, GA!! THIS N THAT ... was shocked to hear of the death of young man **CHARLES RICKEY COOKE** ... who succumbed last week-end in Atlanta, Georgia. His funeral is set for today ... Thursday ... December 4, 2008 ... in Atlanta ... at Big Bethel Africa Methodist Episcopal Church ... with Rev. Gregory Eason officiating. "RICK-EY" ... as he was called by those who knew him ... was always a young man with a plan ... and did what he could to advise young people about the many opportunities in the financial world awaiting them. The son of C.F. Cooke, who for years was District Manager of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company ... and ... Vivian Cooke ... retired educator and renown artist in the community. "Rickey" was a graduate of Dunbar High School. More about his obituary in next

week's edition. He will be missed. **YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL BE NEEDED FOR TOWN HALL MEETING SATURDAY!! THIS N THAT** ... is hoping as many of you who can will attend the upcoming **TOWN HALL MEETING** ... at Mae Simmons Community Center ... on Saturday afternoon ... December 6, 2008 ... from 3:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m. This event is being sponsored by ... Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Covenants & Creeds Boldly, Realistically, Intelligently, Consciously, Concern, And Committed!! ... **B.L.A.C.C.C. - B.R.L.C.C.C.** ... Two of Lubbock's young men ... **DONNELL HOOPER & HILLARY HUTCHINSON, JR.** ... have been working hard to get the word out about the need for such a meeting. As they are making known ... "IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US TOGETHER WORKING IN ORDER FOR EAST LUB-

BOCK ... to move in the right direction." So ... **THIS N THAT** ... is endorsing this Town Hall Meeting ... and hopes many will be in attendance. I just think of what it can do for the **FUTURE OF EAST LUBBOCK!** ... So let's be there ... and bring someone with you. Are you tired of the same old stuff? Hope you are! Just be there!! **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "EAST LUBBOCK** ... needs all of ... **US** ... on the same page ... **WORKING** ... for the same ... **GOAL!**" **SPEAKING OF SCHOOL MEETING! THIS N THAT** ... is still waiting to hear back from ... **VERNITA HOLMES** ... our school board member ... when she will call a meeting to ... **TALK ABOUT SCHOOL BUSINESS** ... It is good to see her doing so ... as there are many questions which need to be answered about ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** ... and other schools!!



THINK ABOUT IT!

Black On Black Crime

by Eddie P. Richardson

In the 1930's and 1940's Blacks fled South and headed to the North and East; for freedom. When they fled then it was from Jim Crow and White Supremacy. Go to any major city in those areas today, and the same Blacks after a few decades are now fleeing those areas going back down home, heading from the young Black muggers and street gangs. Funny thing they are running away from the opposite of what they went there for. They were fleeing the Whites; but returning to the small towns in the south. Funny thing down home is not like it once was. The dope and low morals and criminal elements have reached the South. Even the small southern towns and communities are

affected by a lot of crime. The solution to the Black on Black Crime problem is for us to generate more community pride, unity, and a sense of concern and care for self and kind. A sense of being a good neighbor and as our good friend State Representative always says: I am my brother's keeper. Black folks have become so complacent, sophisticated, refined, selfish, important; they do not care about their neighbor, neighborhood, or any thing that does not affect them personally. It's time for us to get involved in our selves and our communities if there are strange vehicles, persons in our communities behaving in a suspicious manner, we must call the police. When we see crimes committed, we must

report them and stop saying "I don't get involved." We must do to and for our neighbors what we would want them to do to or for us. Black men must stand up. We must deal with those who rape our women; mug our senior citizens; burglarize our neighbors homes. We must do the same as we would if they were burglarizing ours. If necessary, hold them at gun point until the police comes. It is a must that every neighborhood form a neighborhood watch from a crime watch or a crimstoppers organization. We must learn to take license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions and questionable people and what they are wearing and report same to police.

CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

THE STRUGGLE TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS MUST CONTINUE

(Editor's Note: Although the December 1, 2008 date has passed, there is a need for this article.)

On this 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day, the NAACP reminds all that every 12 seconds someone contracts HIV. Every 16 seconds someone dies from AIDS. Since its onset, more than 2 million worldwide have died. These alarming figures take on greater significance as the disease disproportionately impacts blacks above all other groups.

"It is vitally important that African Americans unify to eradicate the spread of HIV/AIDS and advocate for policies that assist those most impacted," said NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "We must stand together to keep the issue of AIDS at the top of the political agenda and demand funding for treatment, education and prevention at home and abroad. Furthermore, we must make the commitment to change the behaviors that continue to put our community at the greatest risk."

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) the proportion of HIV/AIDS infections in the African American community approximately doubled between 1985 and 2006, with black women representing 67 percent of female AIDS cases and black teens making up two-thirds of new infections in their age group. Once testing positive, African Americans are seven times more likely to die from the disease than whites.

On the international front, the AIDS epidemic continues to rage on in Africa. According to the World Health Organization, the continent of Africa is home to approximately 11 percent of the world's population but has approximately 60 percent of all of the world's people living with HIV infection.

Recognizing the need to address this crisis, the NAACP has worked to break the silence surrounding HIV/AIDS in the

Black community. These efforts include holding marches, producing educational films, reports, public testing of NAACP leaders as well as training by an array of experts in the field. Internationally, the NAACP has worked to shed light on the vicious use of rape as a tool of war in the Congo. Since 1997 the NAACP has passed several resolutions that call for eliminating racial disparities in our nation's approach to the AIDS epidemic in order to abolish the disproportionate incidences and deaths of African Americans.

"Black America must eliminate the homophobia from our culture that is perhaps the single greatest barrier to our ability to talk about AIDS," said Willis Edwards, NAACP National Board member and vice chair of the HIV/AIDS subcommittee of the NAACP Health Committee. "Everyone in the African American community must be educated and get tested, no matter who they are or what they think. We call on all leaders and activists to stand up against this virus that is killing us in our

silence and complacency." Established by the World Health Organization in 1988, World AIDS Day, observed annually on Dec. 1, serves to focus global attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

As the article makes known, HIV/AIDS must be fought each and every day. It is a very serious situation in the United States of America and throughout the world. We can't just look at December 1st of each year, it must be dealt with each day. We thank God for the efforts of the NAACP in keeping this before us each day.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard
 It is the time of the year when the hustle and bustle begins. Everywhere in America, our minds and hearts turn to the Christmas holidays. We begin the rush to purchase Christmas presents as soon as the Thanksgiving dinner is digested. Businesses, eager to try to make a profit on the day following Thanksgiving started a new trend a few years ago, by opening their stores in the wee hours of the morning some as early as midnight. It is difficult to eat a heavy meal and lose sleep trying to be the first person to step inside a store's doors early in the morning after Thanksgiving. I tried it once and vowed to never do it again. Fortunately, I was not trampled by the crowd. Finding a place to park my vehicle was the most difficult part of being there. It took the effort of two people to find and secure a park. My husband stood in the vacant spot he could find while I drove to occupy the spot. This was not an easy task. Some drivers threaten to run over you if you do not get out of their way. Once a parking space is secured and you can find your way inside a store, the few items which are really on sale are picked up by the first fifty or so

people who entered. What is left is usually damaged by the grabbing and pushing to get to the available items. This is no bargain for the customer but perhaps for the proprietor because he is able to reduce his inventory and certainly can see black on his books this Friday. Some customers see black also, but not on their books, but their feet, arms and perhaps other parts of their anatomy. The saddest part about this is the couple of people who lost their lives in the mad rush in New York and California. It was not worth the effort. This is the season of a new or rebirth, not the season to mourn.

This is the time for goodwill, preceded by Thanksgiving and the time when our hearts should swell with love for brotherhood

Rawlings Hosts 8th Annual Christmas

Holiday shoppers can avoid the crowds and look for unique gifts on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as the Rawlings Community Center hosts its 8th Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar. Participants from surrounding neighborhoods and the community will offer gifts and Christmas crafts for sale. Shoppers can also purchase refreshments from the Center's kitchen and register for great door prizes!

Rawlings Community Center offers classes and programs for youth, adults and seniors including Summer Camp, Tex-Mex Cooking, Sewing and Quilting, Kids Cafe, Computer classes,

and mankind. This is a time for giving and forgiving and being thankful that we can give. This is a time to renew our faith in God and our brothers and prepare for a New Year. This is the time to get 'in cinque' and do all of those things.

Christmas Musical Sponsored By Rising Star Baptist Church

The Rising Star Baptist Church will sponsor its Annual Christmas Musical on Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Special guest will include: D. J. Mann & Costly Anointed, Uncion, The Eddingtons and The Lewis Sisters.

"It will be a musical which will bless all of our souls," says Sister Janette Williams, Choir President.

Sister Nettie Edward is Choir Director.

Rev. H. Culver is host pastor. "We are inviting all of you to come and celebrate with us on our Annual Day," says Rev. Culver.

and much more. Rawlings is located at 40th Street and Avenue B. Their regular operating hours are Monday - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2704.

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Thank God For Jesus

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Letter Policy

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Election of Bishop Charles Blake Inspires Private Donor to Give More Grant Funding to Educate COGIC Churches

Porto south, VA (BlackNews.com) - The recent election of Bishop Charles Blake to the COGIC general board has motivated a wealthy philanthropist to help Blake realize the vision that was cast in the 2008 COGIC AIM convention held in Detroit MI. The philanthropist believes that Church of God In Christ (COGIC), under the leadership of Presiding Bishop Charles Blake is well positioned to make a positive impact towards solving many of the problems plaguing African-American communities including high school dropout rates, HIV/AIDS, prisoner reentry, unemployment, homelessness, hunger, etc. In addition to confidence in Blake, the philanthropist is encouraged by the size of COGIC, an international organization, with over 6 million members worldwide, the majority of whom reside in urban communities.

Urban Awareness USA was selected to receive this additional round of grant funding, in part, because of the vision of its owner, Tracy J. Brown and his proven track record of helping

urban churches achieve their ministry visions. Mr. Brown wrote the book titled A Moses for Urban America in which he outlines his plan to solve the problems of Urban America by educating African-American churches on how to use funding from the Faith-Based Initiative and private sources to implement programming to solve problems in the inner city. Mr. Brown says, "I feel privileged that Urban Awareness USA has been selected to receive this additional funding gift to help COGIC churches become more

empowered and equipped to deal with the problems facing their communities. I'm also overjoyed that Urban Awareness USA is quickly becoming the undisputed authority on community growth and development issues for the urban church. prayerfully funding will continue to pour in so that we can help more ministries like COGIC more effectively reach the communities God has called them to serve."

According to sources familiar with the terms of the grant, Urban Awareness has received

enough funding to assist 250 COGIC churches nationwide, with the possibility of receiving additional funding in phase two as early as spring 2009. Additional funding for this and future initiatives is contingent, in part, upon the success of phase one of the COGIC initiative, with similar programs under consideration for Full Gospel, AME, AMEZ, and Baptist organizations. To ensure an impartial application process, Urban Awareness USA has established a special website for COGIC Pastors and leaders to apply for the program (www.cogicdevelopmentgrant.org or www.cogic-development-grant.org). According to sources familiar with the terms of the grant,

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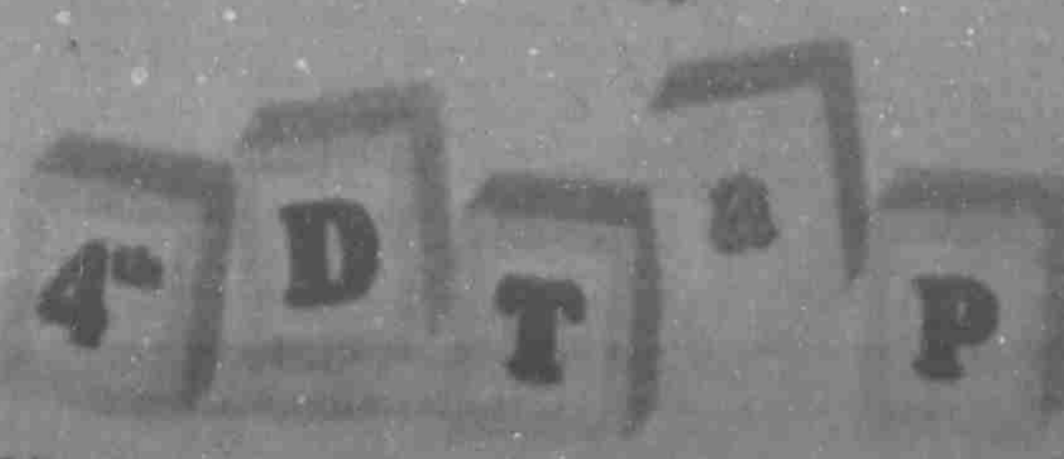
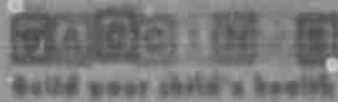


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Town Hall Meeting Set For Saturday

A Town Hall meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2008, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 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 Lubbock citizens to get up and do somethings for the benefit of the total community.

Also working with Hooper with this effort is Hillary Hutchinson, Jr., who is a graduate of Estacado High School.

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

The Town Hall meeting is

Parson Smith
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Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. When a deputy went to the Oak Hill General Store on Nov. 7, the sign was gone. Store owner Steve Collins implausibly denied any knowledge of the message that had been written on his board.

Because the sign disappeared before the deputy showed up, Cumberland County Sheriff Mark Dion said no charges will be filed. The sheriff added that posting that particular sign would not necessarily constitute a threat or a terrorization incident. What exactly was it if not an invitation to kill or harm the president-elect? A cynical attempt at a joke?

We as Americans must not condone the death threats on the life of our president-elect because of bigotry. We American are one people regardless to race, color or religion! If the truth was founded out, most of us would be cousins.

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Mr. Donnell Hooper



Mr. Hillary Hutchinson, Jr.

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Contact Donnell Hooper at (325) 668-4794 about a meeting which will be held at the Mae Simmons Community Center on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

This meeting will be sponsored by Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Covenants & Creeds Boldly, Realistically, Intelligently, Conscious Concern, And Committed!! B.L.A.C.C.C. B.R.I.C.C.C.

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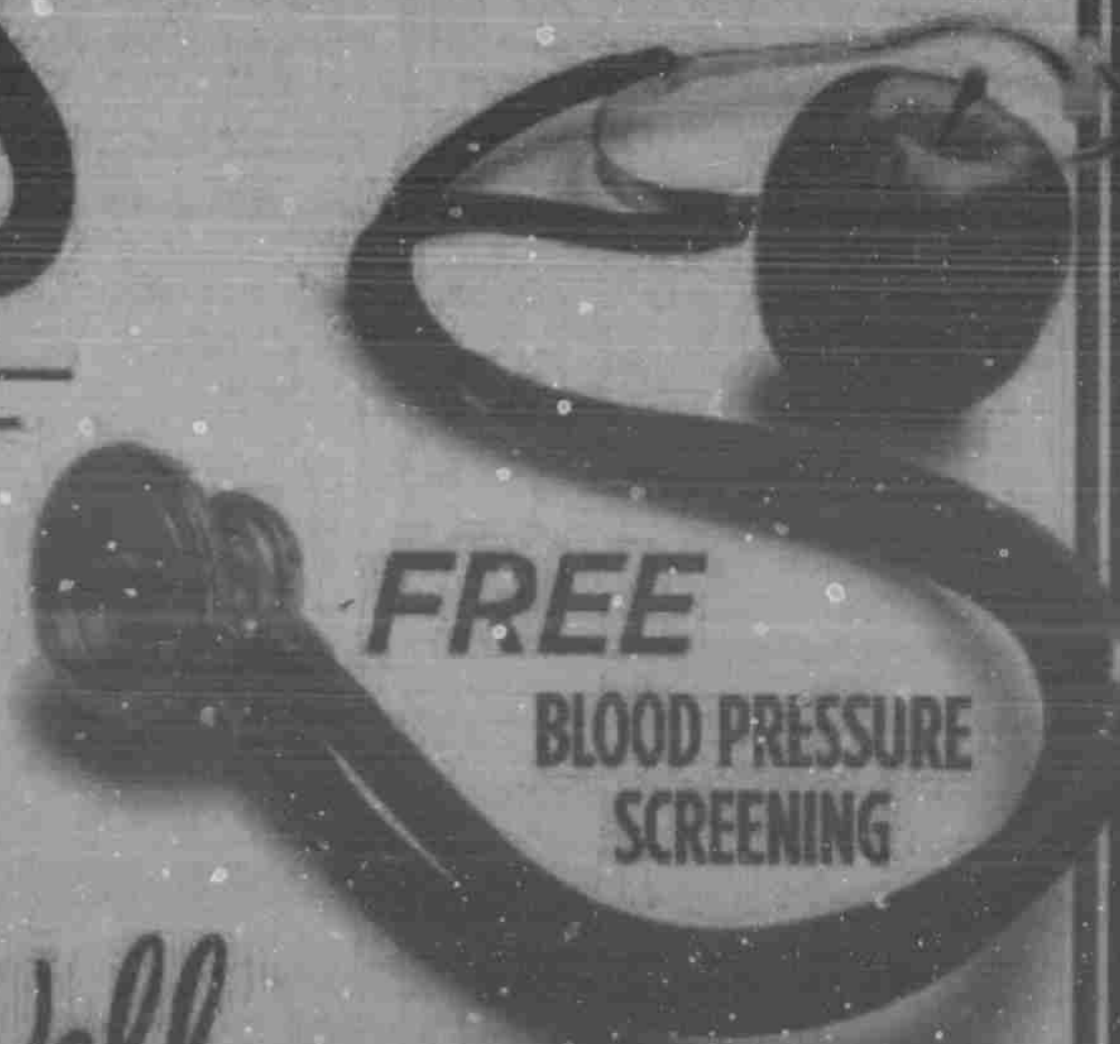
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