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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- 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.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hes Elementary Cafeteria.



Dunbar robotics/social studies teacher Malli Travis (right), helps sixth grader Brandon Julios (left) prepare his rocket for launch. Travis is one of the original NASA Team members at the school.

Dunbar Celebrates 50th Anniversary of NASA

Looking into an October sky in 1957, the United States space program, NASA was shocked into reality. With the launch of the Russian satellite, Sputnik, President John F. Kennedy began an immediate response to not be left behind in the space race. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was born October 4, 1958. Throughout their rich history, NASA has achieved significant scientific and technological advancements. Projects Mercury and Gemini proved that man could survive in space.

Project Apollo pushed the United States ahead by placing the first man on moon. Since that time, NASA has continued to develop our understanding of the universe through their work in aeronautics, the space shuttle program, satellites and probes sent to other celestial bodies.

Over 2,000 NASA spin-offs, such as water purification systems, have become a part of our daily lives. Currently, NASA's new vision of sending man back to the moon and beyond is inspiring a new generation of students.

In honor of NASA's 50th birthday, Dunbar Middle School hosted a Fifties Day. Teachers and students dressed in 50s fashions and enjoyed golden oldie hits over the PA system throughout the day. A special birthday cake was made for the teachers and staff. The Nifty 50s Car Club celebrated with the school by putting on a show in the front parking lot. Parents enjoyed Thanksgiving lunch with their student while enjoying the 50s day activities. The 6th and 7th grade robotics classes built and launched rockets from the football field. The day ended with a volleyball game between teachers and the 8th grade Lady Panthers.

Smith Temple Church's Harvest Festival Set Here



Mr. George Francis, III

Smith Temple Community Church located at 6508 Avenue P, Lubbock, Texas will celebrate its annual "Harvest Festival" on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the 11 o'clock worship hour. The theme for the occasion is "Jubilee In A Changed USA." The speaker for the occasion is Mr. George F. Francis, III.

Mr. Francis resides in Southfield, MI and Georgetown, TX. He received his Bachelor of Business Degree from Prairie View A & M University and

Master's from Harvard University University School of Business. He was discharged from the United States Army with the rank of Major. He retired in 2007 from Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan as Senior Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer.

George's spouse is Elaine Francis. He has three children: Vievee E. Francis-Olzman, George F. Francis, IV and Veedra E. Francis.

George's father was a former deacon at New Hope Baptist Church, Lubbock. His aunt, Julia Francis Ferguson was the first female Presiding Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Texas and the 3rd in the whole of African Methodism.

The Rev. D. A. Smith is founding pastor of Smith Temple whose ministerial cabinet includes the Co-founder Rev. Edwin Scott, the Rev. Charles Plank, Sr., Rev. Ruthie Planks, and Rev. Vernon Thompson.

You are invited to come and dine spiritually and physically.

SPC to present speaker for Native American Heritage Month



Eldrena Douma

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will present guest speaker Eldrena Douma for Native American Heritage Month at noon on Tuesday (Nov. 18) in the Sundown Room of the Student Center.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Douma, also known as Bluecorn, is a professional storyteller who travels throughout the United States sharing stories from her American Indian background.

Douma grew up as a member of the Pueblo Indian of the Laguna, Tewa and Hopi tribes.

Her experience as a storyteller began as a child listening to family members and other adults in her community tell stories about life experiences, history and folktales.

Douma continues to develop stories of her own unique creations which stand to become as much a part of her rich heritage as the traditional stories she learned as a child.

The Reese campus will host a second performance by Douma at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Building 5, Room 512 E.

For more details, call Maria Lopez-Strong, SPC Diversity coordinator, at (806) 716-2562.



Carkey Elementary fifth graders Miracle Sims (front) and Harmony Givens (behind Miracle) are greeted by "high fives" from members of the Texas Pom Squad, Raider Red and members of the Texas Tech University Student Government Association as they entered the gymnasium for the Fall Festival.

The Friday afternoon event was sponsored by the Texas Tech University Student Government Association.

Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee to Host Inaugural Ball

The Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee will host an inaugural Ball in honor of President Barack Obama's

Cross burnings, Schoolchildren chanting "Assassinate Obama," Black figures hung from nooses, Racial epithets scrawled on homes and cars.

Incidents around the country referring to President-elect Barack Obama are dampening the postelection glow of racial progress and harmony, highlighting the stubborn racism that remains in America.

From California to Maine, police have documented a range of alleged crimes, from vandalism and vague threats to at least

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Inauguration. The event will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Ballroom.

The Formal/Black tie event will feature entertainment by Saxophonist Norman Garrett, Jazz Alley, TTU musical ensemble, the Mariachis, and more.

Tickets are \$25 per person and \$40 per couple. Group rates are also available. Tickets can be purchased by calling 806.783.2990.

This is the first event to kick-off the 30th year anniversary celebration of the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration in Lubbock which will take place this upcoming summer.

Fifty percent of the proceeds from this event will be donated to our scholarship fund.



Eddie Dixon

Sculpture Unveiling Held At Simmons Park

The unveiling of an outdoor bronze sculpture by local artist Eddie Dixon took place on Wednesday, November 19th, 2008 at Mae Simmons Park, East 19th Street and Canyon Lake Drive. This sculpture is a joint project of the City of Lubbock and Civic Lubbock, Inc. and was also made possible through grants from The CM Foundation and the Lubbock Foundation. Continue on Page 6

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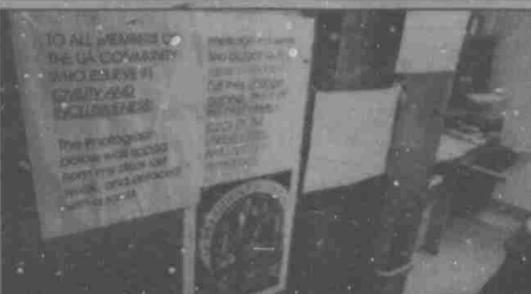
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Obama election spurs race threats, crimes

From California to Maine, 'hundreds' of incidents reveal racism in America



University of Alabama professor Marsha L. Houston posted a message against racism on Thursday after someone defaced a previous poster of President-elect Barack Obama and his family with a death threat and racial slur in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

A program got underway in the Sunday School Department of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, where an attempt has been made to reach out into the community by preparing food for those in need. This was done by a group of members who want to just reach out. They are calling this effort "Mission on the Move." This Saturday morning, November 22, 2008, a Thanksgiving Dinner will be prepared and served to those in the communi-

ty, beginning at 11:00 a. m. until all the food is gone. "We are just reaching out, with the help of God," says Sister Ruby Donaldson, Superintendent. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor. The Federation of Choirs will meet on Sunday afternoon, November 23, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p. m. at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where the pastor is Rev. J.H. Ford. Sister Bennie Sims is president. She says, "The community is invited to attend this monthly meeting."

Although, there are several weeks before the end of 2008, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is announcing their 'Watch Night Services' where the Rev. Larry Moore, pastor of Carter Chapel CME Church, will be guest speaker. Services will begin at 10:00 a. m. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is host pastor.

Churches United for Kingdom Building will sponsor their Annual 'Thanksgiving Services' on Sunday evening, November 23, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. Rev. B.R. Moton is host pastor. The public is invited to attend.

The community is invited to attend the 8th Annual Musical of the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, on Sunday

Pray for those who are united with other congregations; those who are sick, in jail, prison and nursing homes.

Scripture For Week: "Ye have heard that it hath been said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth but I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law & take away thy coat let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not them away"

Matthew 5:38-42

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, November 16, 2008, morning services got started with a bang at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:55a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Key Christian Duties", Romans 13:1-14.

The question to ask is: "What Can Christians Due To Influenced Their Elected Officials To Govern."

Morning worship started at 11:06a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "Oh, I Want To See Him". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee which came from Psalm 63:1-11. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Thank You, Lord."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and

told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. There was the fellowship period for about 5 minutes and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Walk With Me" and "Standing In The Need". The Holy Spirit was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Don't Sell Out!" His scripture text was Genesis 25:24-34. After the sermon, Sister Sue Cavanaugh sang "There's A Bright Side."

The invitation to disciple was extended and the Lord continues to add to the church as He sees fit. Sis. Angela Johnson acknowledged all the visitors who were present last Sunday.

We were on program in Littlefield at Rev. H. K. Thomas Sr.'s Appreciation Services. There were several churches in attendance. Our pastor, Rev. Jackson, brought the message entitled: "A Divine Job Description." His text was Isaiah 61:1. The choir sang two selections.

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



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

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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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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

SATIN SENSATION PANT SUIT

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.

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Fashion tip.. always wear a smile

Fashion.. just for the fun of it

LISD Board of Trustees Voted To Change At-Large Election Procedures In Voting For Trustees

At their meeting this morning, the Lubbock ISD trustees took the first step to change the way at-large trustees are elected. Trustees also sold a 20-acre tract of land in south Lubbock and approved bids for a new police car and three service vehicles. Currently, the seven-member

board is comprised of five members each representing a single district and two at-large members. The at-large candidates appear on the ballot as a group from which two candidates are selected. This method of voting caused some confusion in the 2006 election when many voters

only selected a single candidate from the field of five when they could have selected two candidates. The board voted today to ask the Department of Justice (DOJ) to stagger the terms. If cleared by the DOJ, the election in 2010 will include one at-large seat for a two-year term and one at-large seat for a four-year term. In subsequent years, the terms for both at-large positions will be for four years, but the elections will be in different election cycles.

The 20-acre tract at 80th and Avenue O, near Roy W. Roberts Elementary, was sold to Heritage Homes for a residential development. In other action, an update to local board policies was approved as was a waiver request allowing for a modified school schedule on TAKS testing days.

Covenant Receives Recognition for Organ Donation

Covenant Health System received the medal of achievement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for increasing organ donation rates.

Covenant was one of 411 hospitals nationwide recognized for their success in increasing organ donation rates. All medal-receiving hospitals sustained a donation rate of 75 percent or higher among eligible donors for at least a year.

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Rev. Sonia J. Scott

Sunday Services

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

Wednesday Services

Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

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Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH Attack On The Church

The Associated Press reported a gunman opened fire in a training center dormitory for young Christian missionaries Sunday, December 09, 2007 after being told he could not spend the night, killing two of the center's staff members and wounding two others.

Arvada, Colorado Police Chief Don Wick said the suspect spent several minutes with people inside the dorm. The director of Youth With a Mission Denver, said the man asked whether he could spend the night. When told he could not, the man opened fire, and then left on foot.

Witnesses told police that the gunman was a 20-year old white male, wearing a dark jacket and skullcap, who left on foot. He may have glasses or a beard. The suspect was believed to have had some knowledge of the missionary activities going on there.

12 hours after the Arvada, Colorado shooting, a gunman opened fire in the parking lot of the New Life Church, the 14,000 member evangelical Christian mega church that was founded by the Rev. Ted Haggard, who was fired last year after charges of sexual impropriety. A security guard shot and killed the gunman. At least four people were shot and

one fatally. The church had a security plan in place and because of the security guard's actions many lives were saved.

What is wrong with our world and America in particular when one cannot feel safe at church? Satan appears to be "foot loose and fancy free" so to speak, from the pulpit to the door. Of all the places, one expects to feel comfortable and safe is the church. This is the place where we go to replenish our lives after a week in the balmy desert of life. This is the place where we go to the Rock, the Rock of our salvation. This is the place we carry our loved one after they have spent their earthly pilgrimage and say our goodbyes in a formal service. This is the place where young lovers unite in holy matrimony, have children, and bring them to Sunday school and other activities to mold their life. This is the place where the downtrodden are lifted up and given a new direction.

Yet, the church in America faces government investigation and possible sanction because of lying crooked preachers and leadership. Now there is the crisis of thugs killing, robbing and causing people to be fearful when they attend church services.

Christians are going to have to wake up. They must take their heads out of the sand and come to the realization that not every one is going to be saved. We must give our total support to the police department, the District Attorney, for the arrest, prosecuting, and giving of long prison terms to those who inflict injury upon the church. Grand juries must not be coward in handing down indictments to those people who would destroy the very fabric of our society.

I have noticed new graffiti being painted on fences, building, dumpsters etc. in our city. Some graffiti was painted on our church and that is a Not No! If that person was in another country besides America and a holy place was defaced, the hand that performed the act might be removed.

The church is under attack from within and without. We who are members of the faith must stand our ground and let those who would destroy the church understand there can and will be "hell" on earth for those who attack the church.

**Smith Temple Church's
Harvest Festival
Set Sunday Morning
At 11:00 a. m.**

We Thank God for Jesus

"CHILDREN DYING TOO SOON!"

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

MARK 10:14 -- Jesus said suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God. As my family and friends would say "that boy he is so bad!" And I started thinking, I was, and that made me so Sad.

Deuteronomy 28:41 -- You shall get sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. As I entered into kindergarten, the rules I did not like. I would fight the teachers and the other children: I would fight!!!

Proverb 22:15 -- Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. As I enter into junior high, things didn't even change. I wanted it my way; and if I didn't get it someone was in pain!!!

Proverb 23:13-14 Withhold not correction from the child: for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die. You shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell. Even at home my mother and father: they gave me my rights; they knew the 911 number; it was working day or night!!!

Proverb 1:7-8 -- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My

son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother.

**** Children's Rights Are Wrong!!****

Proverb 29:15,17 -- The rod and reproof gives wisdom: but the child left to himself brings his mother to shame. Correct your son, and he shall give you rest; yes, he shall give delight unto your soul. I would take the other children's money; and that would make my day. They knew I was super bad; and to fight back; there was no way!!!

O.T. Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus 7:23 -- A horse not broken becomes headstrong; and a child left to himself will be willful. Cocker (pamper) your child, and he shall make you afraid: play with him, and he will bring you to heaviness.

Laugh not with him, lest you have sorrow with him, and lest he gnash your teeth in the end. Give him no liberty in his youth, and wink not at his follies (foolishness). Bow down his neck while he is young, and beat him on the sides (hips) while he is a child, lest he wax stubborn, and be disobedient unto you, and bring sorrow to your heart. I now 17, I run my own gang: we can bang with anyone we meet. Our motto is: do unto others,

before they can do it unto thee!!! **Proverb 14:12** -- There is a way which seems rights unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**** Have You Seen The Deaths??? ****

Today we're chilling out, laid back, not doing a thing. Say, someone's doing a drive by shooting. **OH MY BACK HOW GREAT THE PAIN.**

John 10:10 -- Jesus said, the thief (the devil) come not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Why are these people saying I'm dead; I'm not this can't be. I'm to young to die; I'm having fun; take This @#*%\$ sheet off of me!!!

Proverb 3:11-12 -- My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord loves he corrects; even as a father the son who he delight in. Why are all these people slow walking and crying around me? And why are all these flowers all around me?

Roman 6:23 -- For The Wages Of Sin Is Death; But The Gift Of God Is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, November 16, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson as "Mutual Support." The scripture text was

Philippians 3:17 & 4:9.

The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady, who brought some inspiring information about Paul.

The key verse was: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen."

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

Brother Randall Byrd in charge. The spirit was very high with continuing in prayer by Brother Gerald Jackson. What a time in the Lord!

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

Pastor Canady delivered red a dynamic sermon. His subject was "See A Man." His scripture text as John 4:29. It was another wonderful and inspiring message coming from our pastor.

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

It was so nice to see the 'First

Lady's Brother,' Mr. Tyree Morris, Jr. of Dallas. What a wonderful time he and the family had together! He also visited St. Matthew Baptist Church and all the family members were in attendance.

If your soul is parched and thirsty, and you will feel weighed down by care, Go to God's Word for refreshment. You'll find strength and comfort there!

Thought of the Week: "A well-read Bible makes a well-fed soul."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is looking for a Musician. If you are interested, then call Pastor Canady at (806) 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 so!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Outreach Prayer Breakfast Meeting November 1, 2008 In The Home of Sister Christene Burleson Vice President
THEME: "How To Be Grateful In An Ungrateful World"
Speaker: Sister Earnestine Fraizer Sister Carrie Wheeler, Acting Secretary

"A Message of Thanksgiving"
Part 3

Chastisement: If you're having difficulty, it just may be that you're under the chastening hand of Almighty God. In Hebrews 12, we see that "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?... Now no chastening for the present time seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward, it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (v. 7, 11). If you're suffering, it may be because God is chastising you. That doesn't mean He doesn't love you. It means that He does love you. He loves you too much to let you get away with sin and He will chasten you, dealing with you as with a son. If God takes you to the woodshed, as it were, and has to chastise you, thank God in this because it proves He loves you and exercises "peaceable fruit of righteousness unto those that are exercised thereby."

Dependency: Sometimes God allows us to have problems

to cause us to depend upon Him. Now, we have weaknesses, and weakness is an asset when it brings you to Jesus Christ, and helps you to depend upon Him. Our place of weakness can be our place of strength. If our troubles cause us greater dependency, then thank God for them.

Maturity: When you have difficulty, you learn more during those times than you learn in the good times. Someone wrote these words: "I walked a mile with pleasure, she chattered all the way, but left me none the wiser for all she had to say. I walked a mile with sorrow, and not a word said she...but oh the things I learned from sorrow, when sorrow walked with me." We learn so much more in times of sorrow than times of joy. Psalm 119:71 says, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes." If affliction causes me to learn, then I've got to thank God for it. If affliction causes you to be like Jesus, and you're made mature through these things, then you can thank God for it.

Patience: When bad things happen to you, inexplicable things, could it be that God is just simply working patience in you? All of us need to learn the Christian grace of patience. Psalm 27:14 says, "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord." James 1:4 says, "Let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." You and I need to learn patience. The word "patience" in

this verse is a Greek word that means to bear up under suffering and pain. And so, if God is teaching us patience, and it is a Christian virtue, should we not thank God when we're enduring trials?

Ministry: Things that happen to you may happen to you to enable you to minister to other people. Second Corinthians 1:3-4 says, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, but the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." God gives us comfort in order for us to comfort somebody else. Now, God can't comfort you unless you need it, and you can't need comfort unless you have trouble. Give God thanks that you can comfort someone else because of trouble.

Glory: When we suffer and yet keep praising God, it gives God glory. Now, I like for God to deliver me when I'm in trouble. It's one thing to be delivered and praise God for it; it's another thing to be in a fiery furnace and not be delivered and praise God for it. And I tell you, that takes more faith and gives God more glory. And if God is being glorified in my life, even though I may be persecuted, can I not thank God that He is being glorified in my life, even though I

don't feel thankful? **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. The last Part will be run next week. Hope you have enjoyed this special effort on the part of the membership.

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Obsequies

Texanna Mosley

Funeral services for Texanna Mosley were held last Saturday afternoon, November 15, 2008, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in San Augustine, Texas.

A memorial service was held Tuesday evening, November 18, 2008, at St. John Baptist Church, where Rev. Solomon Fields is pastor.

Mosley, 74, of Lubbock went to be with the Heavenly Father on Sunday, November 9, 2008.

Texanna was born April 11, 1934, to the late Kay and Georgia Mae Roberts in San Augustine. She married the late R.Q. Mosley and later moved to Lubbock in 1962.

She retired from TI and was a faithful and much loved member of the Church.

She was the mother of nine children, Bobbie and Charlie (preceded her in death), Georgia Wheeler of Commerce, Texas, Lucy Bagley (Charles) of



Carrollton, Linder of Frisco, Elzie of Dallas, Ray (Patricia), Vera Turner and Paxton (Angela), all of Lubbock.

Ms. Mosley also leaves to cherish memories her two brothers, R.C. of Lufkin and Kay Ingram of San Augustine; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Lue Tishia Montgomery, preceded her in death.

Samuel Eugene Martin "Pokey"

Funeral services for Samuel Eugene "Pokey" Martin were held last Saturday afternoon, November 15, 2008 at St. James Baptist Church.

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

Martin, 49, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, November 8, 2008 at University Medical Center.

He was born February 4, 1959.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Delois Petties; wife, Roshon L. Martin; two daughters, Tysheba I. Alexander (Darren) and Candice N. Luke; one granddaughter, Darricia Roshon Alexander; one brother,



Dwight L. Petties, Sr.; two sisters, Tina Taylor and Latonya Hicks; mother-in-law, Irene Evans; a host of other relatives and friends.

Billy "Kool" Ray Spence



Funeral services were held Monday, November 17, 2008 at Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, with Rev. Wendell Davis of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Spence, 64, of Lubbock died Tuesday, November 11, 2008 in a fatal car accident.

Billy was born August 9, 1944 in Horton to Dave and Hazel Spence. He graduated from Petersburg High School. He served four years in the United States Air Force. He was a supervisor at Eagle Pitcher, and recently retired from Butler Construction Company.

He was also well known throughout the Lubbock area. He was an outstanding bartender who always served a laugh with his Billy, Kool Special.

Billy was preceded in death by his father, two sisters, and one brother. Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Hazel; son, Keith Brown of Seattle, Wash.; daughter, Tara Johnson of Lubbock; two grandsons, Jarrod and Treston; five brothers, three sisters, two aunts, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

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"Hurricane Season" slated for release in 2009!



Forest Whitaker and Jalene Mack

Houston, TX - After years of impressing the courtroom, prominent Houston attorney Jalene Mack will now command an audience of millions when she makes her big screen debut in the upcoming feature,

"Hurricane Season" slated for release in 2009. Starring Forest Whitaker, Isaiah Washington, Taraji P. Henson, Bow Wow, Courtney B. Vance and Lil' Wayne, "Hurricane Season" is a true life drama.

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Filmed in Mack's original hometown of New Orleans, the movie is based on the story of Al Collins, basketball coach for John F. Breckinridge High School in Marrero, LA, who led his Patriots to the state championship a year after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the school and displaced many of its students. Mack is cast in the role of Andrea Wall, mother of Christian (played by Eric D. Hill Jr.) one of the principal basketball players.

The busy attorney turned actress is currently back in Houston for martial arts training for her next film, "Elbows & Vogues" which recently just started production, starring Reagan Gomez and Gary Sturgis.



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Getting a job with Obama easier than you think

President-elect Barack Obama will be the country's next commander in chief. He could also be your next boss.

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residential areas, I will propose changes to mitigate that concern."

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Zoning Regarding Sales for Off-Premises Consumption of Alcohol

Lubbock City Council member Todd Klein has released the following statement about possible zoning changes regarding alcohol sales:

"Regardless of the issue before the City Council I believe the matter of public safety is paramount in any decision we are to make, and I also believe it is the chief function of the Council, where it is within the

purview of the Council, to address potential issues confronting the city before they become larger problems.

"With that said, the issue of zoning now before the Council should be, and I am confident will be, closely studied for how best to zone for sales for off-premises consumption of alco-

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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

CITIZENS NEED TO BE ADVISED OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS! THIS N THAT received a telephone call last Tuesday afternoon November 12, 2008 of an important meeting which was to take place on Thursday evening November 13, 2008 from 6:30 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. at the Mac Simmons Community Center. The meeting was to consist of INPUT pertaining to funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development programs. **THIS N THAT** learned that in order for the **CITY OF LUBBOCK** to receive such funds as they have been receiving for more than 20 years the **CITY OF LUBBOCK** must complete a report every **FIVE YEARS** which is called the **CONSOLIDATED PLAN**. The report

according to information is the report for 2009-2013 is currently underway and feedback from the Lubbock community is vital to ensure that the **PLAN** addresses Lubbock residents' concerns. **THIS N THAT** is wondering how many of the residents of **DISTRICT TWO** made the important meeting but if you didn't know about it then contact **JOE RANGEL** at the City of Lubbock by calling him at 775-2309 and give your **VITAL INPUT**. Hopefully in future meetings residents are advised about such meetings. **THIS N THAT** however was advised that the officers of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association and Dunbar/Manhattan Neighborhood Association were advised. "What about announcing these kinds of meetings in our local churches? Anyway that has happened

So let's move on and stay focused in the future. **UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT IS FORTHCOMING! THIS N THAT** recently learned that the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation (NELDC) will be making an important **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** news during the month of December. This is great and **THIS N THAT** is very excited about what has been heard and hopefully this will serve as a mighty catalyst for the residents of **DISTRICT TWO!** **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBERSAYS; "WORKING TOGETHER"** many things can be attained if we just get **BUSY** and do what we must do for the betterment of **ALL OF US!** **DON'T FORGET MEETING! THIS N THAT** reminds you of December 6, 2008 meeting!

THINK ABOUT IT!

Change Is Here Change Is Now

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have heard the word change now for almost two years during the last primary and general primary elections by various presidential candidates since one of the candidates who used the word change most won the General Election on November 4, 2008.

Senator Barack Obama won the presidential nomination which happened to be a Black America. It is hoped that this change has a positive affect on Black men in America, especially young men which have a majority of them in the justice department jail, prison, parole, probation etc. The hope is this can and will show them, and let them see there is another and better way to live and do or be an thing one wants to do or be if they willing to work at it and pay the price.

With about 1.1 Million Black men incarcerated, there is an urgent need to save our Black boys and men. More than one in every 100 Americans are in prison or jail--about half of them

are Black. Many men and women are released from prison every year--and returned to the same neighborhood most uneducated and under-educated, with limited job skills. The dropout rate among Black boys in high school is staggering. About 58 percent of Black boys do not graduate from high school, according to a 2006 report from the School Foundation for Public Education.

Our children go to jail, their children (White) go to Yale. Too many young Black men are succumbing to a sub-culture of self destruction involving drugs and violence. They feel society has given up on them and they've been rejected by mainstream society by way of denial of equal opportunity and a failed education system.

For many young men, carrying a weapon gives them a source of power. They feel powerless in mainstream America. The challenge is for our young Black Men to assert themselves

and develop productive, positive lives, man up don't punk out. You are on the corner talking about how tough you are. The key is be tough in the real world and empower yourself with real weapons of success, meaning an education. Reject drugs, reject violence and other things that will destroy you personally and your community. No matter how slick you think you are and how you say you can and has in the past beat the system, fact is the only way you can truly beat the system is to stay out of the system. That way you can quit playing yourself because the system is fool proof and can't be played it has plenty of time it will set and wait. They can lock you up and make money off of you. You are a sucker, a sucker to a system that is designed to destroy you.

Conclusion Next Week.

Closing Thought: "A rumor without a leg to stand on will get around some other way."

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

will still cost some pretty dollars to attend any affairs. Some Inauguration tickets are going for over \$2,000. For those who have it to pay and do so, they will definitely be a part of that history.

Last week, I received information that there was not a room available at any hotel in Washington, D.C. It is said that home owners are renting rooms and apartments for as little as \$500 per night, upwards to \$22,000 per weekend. It appears that poor people are going to scrape the bottom of their savings barrels to attend or only the rich will be there or perhaps both. After a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, the inauguration will be like an extension of the holidays. Let us hope so, anyway in a pleasant

way. Hopefully, the spirit of the new year will carry us through to a warm realization of what is needed to raise our economic level with our feet squarely planted on the surface of the earth. If we are the Christians that we proclaim to be, we will find ways to help ourselves, our neighbors and our country to a more prosperous life, most of all by not taking too many shortcuts that leave us in the lurch. Christian people need to pray, trust in the Lord that everything will be OK and treat each other with a degree of dignity regardless to religion, ethnic origin and economic status. We need to get 'in cinque' and do what our religious teachings and civil laws say that we should do and this world will be a better place.

This year, 2008, is winding down and there is more than the usual excitement in gearing up for the Christmas holidays, though Thanksgiving has not yet arrived. As a matter of fact, some businesses, stores and television stations were into Christmas before Columbus Day or Halloween though the economy is in a real flux, spiraling downward every day.

On the other hand, President-Elect Obama has been and still is very busy with his transition team, preparing to take office as the first man of color, in the White House on January 20, 2009. Many people are second-guessing who he will choose to put in the various Presidential Cabinet offices. Everyone who voted for him is enjoying a kind of high in expectations of positive changes for the country and the desire to attend the inauguration festivities. Many of us will have to enjoy the festivities at home by the television because the prices are astronomical for tickets to anything and everything. If you have a remote cousin whom you could spend the night with, it

Obama's Threats Over America

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one physical attack. Insults and taunts have been delivered by adults, college students and second-graders.

There have been "hundreds" of incidents since the election, many more than usual, said Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate crimes.

One was in Snellville, Ga., where Denece Millner said a boy on the school bus told her 9-year-old daughter the day after the election: "I hope Obama gets assassinated." That night, someone trashed her sister-in-law's front lawn, mangled the Obama lawn signs and left two pizza

boxes filled with human feces outside the front door, Millner said.

She described her emotions as a combination of anger and fear.

"I can't say that every white person in Snellville is evil and anti-Obama and willing to desecrate my property because one or two idiots did it," said Millner, who is black. "But it definitely makes you look a little different at the people who you live with, and makes you wonder what they're capable of and what they're really thinking."

Potok, who is white, said he believes there is "a large subset of white people in this country who feel that they are losing everything they know, that the country their forefathers built has somehow been stolen from them."

Grant Griffin, a 46-year-old white Georgia native, expressed similar sentiments: "I believe our nation is ruined and has been for several decades and the election of Obama is merely the culmination of the change."

"If you had real change it would involve all the members of (Obama's) church being deported," he said.

"Shaking the foundations"

Change in whatever form does not come easy, and a black president is "the most profound change in the field of race this country has experienced since the Civil War," said William Ferris, senior associate director of the Center for the Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina. "It's shaking the foundations on which the country has existed for centuries."

"Someone once said racism is like cancer," Ferris said. "It's never totally wiped out, it's in remission."

—If so, America's remission lasted until the morning of Nov. 5.

The day after the vote hailed as a sign of a nation changed, black high school student Barbara Tyler of Marietta, Ga., said she heard hateful Obama comments from white students, and that teachers cut off discussion about Obama's victory.

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.

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Sculpture Unveiled In Mac Simmons Park
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Area Foundation - Sybil B. Harrington Endowment for the Arts. Civic Lubbock, Inc. has designated this sculpture as their Centennial Project. The bronze sculpture represents a young Native American woman and is a tribute to the numerous Native American peoples that came through this area during the early history of the South Plains. It is especially fitting that this sculpture is being unveiled this month, as November is National American Indian Heritage Month (also referred to as Native American Heritage Month).

Eddie Dixon is an internationally 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. His bronze representations of historical figures can be found, not only in Lubbock, but in national historical sites including the Pentagon, West

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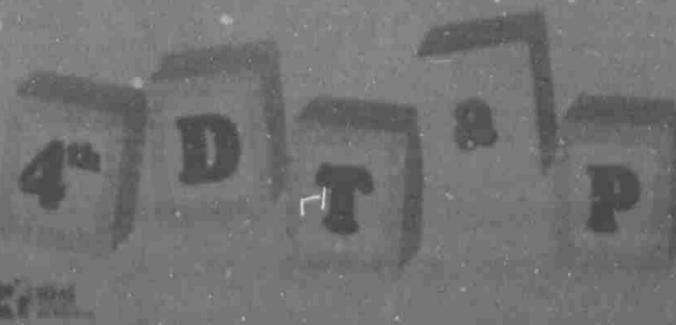
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Jonestown Remembered:

30 years later - Cherish the Children Memorial Wall brings healing



San Francisco NAACP President Amos Brown

Dr. Jynona Norwood

Activist Dick Gregory

(AANEWSWIRE- Los Angeles, CA) California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mayor Angelou, U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee (D. Oakland), Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke (Los Angeles), U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (Los Angeles), Senator Dianne Feinstein (San Francisco), author and activist Dick Gregory, San Francisco NAACP President Amos Brown and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa are among the dignitaries who are lending their support to commemorating the Cherishing the Children Jonestown Healing Memorial Wall to honor the lives of the 305 innocent children who lost their lives in Guyana. Dr. Jynona Norwood, the executive director of The Cherishing the Children Jonestown Memorial Services and Wall whose family lost the most (27) loved ones as well as the youngest child (three months old) at Jonestown now remains committed after 30 years of bringing healing to families and the world through pursuit of the Cherishing the Children Jonestown Healing Memorial Wall at Evergreen Cemetery in Oakland, California where the children are buried.

Dick Gregory expresses his gratitude that children are remembered. "Everybody remembers the tragedy but they forget about the children," says Gregory. "The wisdom of the parents have been questioned but the children did not have anything to do with that. I thank and praise Dr. Norwood for remembering and honoring the children."

In a letter of support for the Memorial, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger wrote, "My special gratitude goes to Dr. Jynona Norwood for her remarkable compassion and determination to gather funds and resources needed for your memorial. Her work will serve as a loving reminder of hundreds of Bay Area residents who will not be forgotten by their families or their community."

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's letter noted his support. "I commend Cherishing the Children Memorial for their continuous efforts to erect a memorial wall on behalf of the innocent victims who perished during the Jonestown Massacre. By memorializing these tragic events, Cherishing the Children Memorial is building awareness and honoring the sanctity of innocent lives so similar tragic

events will be averted in the future.

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who has acknowledged the efforts taken to create the memorial, said, "I support your efforts, I applaud your perseverance, and I humbly acknowledge your loss. Again, thank you for all of the work you are doing to create this memorial and work on behalf of those in our community most in need. I salute you."

The 30th Annual Anniversary to commemorate the innocent children lost and to celebrate the unveiling of a portion of the long-awaited wall in their memory will take place on November 18 in Oakland. "The 18th marks the 30th anniversary of one of the nation's most horrific mass deaths in American history involving some 918 people, 305 children, 40 infants, mostly African-Americans who perished in Guyana," notes Dr. Jynona Norwood.

San Francisco NAACP President and Housing Commissioner Dr. Amos Brown, Dr. Jynona Norwood, San Francisco Police Officer Yulanda Williams who survived Jonestown, Charles Krause, who was wounded on the Port Kaituma air strip, will speak

along with other leaders at the Memorial. On November 18, 2008 at 11 am, a special tribute of poetry and praise dance will be performed by youth in honor of the children who died to commemorate their short lives.

Dr. Amos Brown, San Francisco NAACP President and pastor of Third Baptist Church in San Francisco for some 33 years said, "It is very significant that Dr. Norwood is still carrying on the struggle of educating people about what abusive and toxic religion can do to the human family. I have always supported her efforts. Brown who studied religion under the tutelage of Martin Luther King while at Morehouse added, When I met Jim Jones in 1979, I detected that he was using religion to express his inner anguish. I didn't hear anything righteous in his rhetoric."

"We will never forget," Dr. Jynona Norwood repeats as clearly today as she remembers getting news of the murders of Jonestown - her family, her friends - and feeling the peril of an innocent people and the sacred lives of children who had been plagued by terror. "While I am thankful that I rescued my son from the clutches of Jim Jones and the People's Temple, there is still the lingering feeling that I had wished that I could have done more."

Since 1979 Norwood has organized the Jonestown Memorial Services to memorialize the victims, raise public awareness and honor the innocent lives of the 305 children. Now, some 30 years later, the death of almost 1,000 people still stirs her soul. "Due to the lack of dental records, they were never able to be identified and thus were buried together," she notes. "What hurts today, even more than before is that families have been forever destroyed due to the sting of shame of being linked to Jim Jones - the man at the center of the storm and the

orchestrator of the death, destruction and the psychological dismemberment of innocent people."

"Today, it is up to the living to speak for the dead and a more substantive memorial is being placed at the burial site," she adds. "Forty 3 1/2 foot caskets of infants lay at Evergreen and it is in the spirit of the children that we say never forget, never again. Each child represents a painful link to a grieving mother, father, sister, brother or family member that memorializes their existence. They deserve to be remembered."

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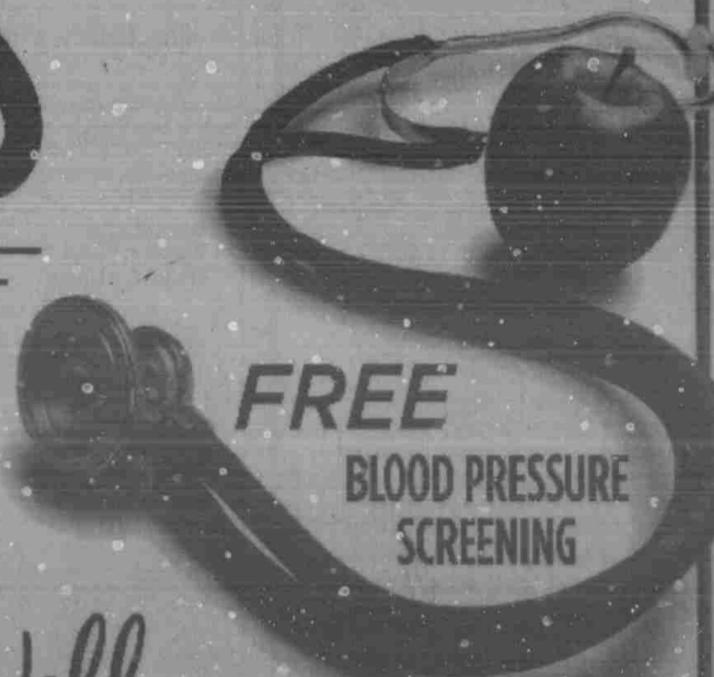
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