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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 2nd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Patricia Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815

Lubbock Area Chamber Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 3:00pm at the Patricia Community Center

Hub City Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1705 Avenue G

Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Sundays, 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, Patricia Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00pm, Mae Simmons Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm, TTU Mark A. Young Center

Dunbar/Marshattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 5:00 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 Post Lunch Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Cultural presentations and demonstrations.

Texas Intertribal Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patricia Branch Library every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Grimes Library, 3520 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 & Chisley-Pain Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary

Chamman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hunt Elementary, Calmesia.

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### Obama girls start school with photographers in tow

WASHINGTON - President-elect Barack Obama's two daughters were whisked quietly past waiting photographers into their new schools Monday. If custom is any guide, the news media will keep their distance now that they have captured 10-year-old Malia in her puffy pink jacket and 7-year-old Sasha with her pigtails, pink camouflage backpack and turquoise Uglydoll.

But protecting the privacy of presidential children has always been difficult.

Even if White House photographers are no problem for the Obamas, there are still the paparazzi to worry about, as illustrated by the beach "beefcake" photos of a shirtless president-elect taken during the Obama family vacation in Hawaii.

Then there's any fourth-grader with a cell phone camera and a Facebook page.

"It is an exaggerated example of what parents face routinely when their kids are online," said Carolyn Jabz, who writes a syndicated column called Growing Up Online. "For the Obama girls, that is a given that it will get out of hand."

Blogs have already critiqued what every member of the family wears. A bad hair day, schoolyard gossip or a manipulated photo can cause problems for any child, Jabz said. Imagine if the greater free world were



Malia and Sasha Obama Off To School Monday Morning

watching. "Mean things about them online are going to be problematic," she said. "They're going to have to develop a thicker skin in the way all celebrities do."

At Sidwell Friends, children are not allowed cell phones at school, which should keep the girls shielded at least through the school day.

"We do hold students accountable for cyberbehavior," said Associate Head of School Edna Turner. "I think our students understand that we expect them to be responsible Internet users."

The school won't talk about

special security precautions but has experience with the Secret Service from former students Chelsea Clinton and Al Gore III, the son of former Vice President Al Gore.

Any Carter's trips to public school became "a pretty big circus" with photographers lying in wait, said Doug Wead, a former aide to President George H.W. Bush and author of "All the President's Children."

Bill and Hillary Clinton took the advice of Jacqueline Kennedy to establish strict privacy for daughter Chelsea. Those rules have generally held. NBC's "Today" show crew left Sidwell Friends on Monday even before the girls arrived.

"The last thing they need is for a camera crew to stand outside their school," reporter Tom Costello said on air. "So we are leaving, back to you."

In the Clinton era, aides would sometimes call publishers to keep stories about Chelsea under wraps, Wead said. But try that in a time when any child, school employee or curious onlooker can act as his own publishing house.

It's a new age," Wead said. "Every word is worth money. It's currency. Every photograph is worth money. It'll take a lot of cooperation and the school year's a long time."

Still, the girls are likely to be as protected at Sidwell, a private Quaker school with campuses in northwest Washington and Bethesda, Md., as they were at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.

"While their situation was unusual, we work hard to guard the privacy and safety of all students, and our entire community cooperates to make that possible," said David Magill, director of the Chicago schools.

Ann Stock, who was social secretary in the Clinton White House, said she can't imagine fellow students causing

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or (806). The scholarship will be in honor of Bobbie & T. J. Patterson for their many years of service to Lubbock and the Lubbock Public Schools.

Mr. Patterson served 35 years as an educator in the Lubbock Public Schools, and worked in the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University.

Her husband, T. J., served on the Lubbock City Council for twenty years, becoming the longest tenured person in that position.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the celebration.

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



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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, McInturff 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, 1301 Mae 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

### A Family Affair Washingtons Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Washington



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Washington are shown with their children: Charles R., Jr., Ray Charles, Leon, Robert J. and Cleotha Washington.

Bennie and Charles Washington celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2008, at Furr's Cafeteria with

family and friends. The Washingtons married December 3, 1958. Their children Charles R., Continue on Page 2

### Free Live Recording Luther Barnes Directing West Texas Mass Choir March 21, 2009



Luther Barnes

The First Annual West Texas Gospel Live Recording with Luther Barnes, nationally known recording Gospel artist which will take place Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2009, at the Church of the Blessed beginning at 3:00 p.m.

These singers are part of last year's West Texas Mass Choir, and will complete their task by participating in this live event," says Ms. Faye Brown, president of the Each One reach One, who is sponsoring this historical event in Lubbock.

"We are at all in need of additional singers for this event, and can do so by attending the next rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, January 17, 2009, beginning at 12 noon," she continued.

March 20, 2009, there will a banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn, Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for a scholarship at Texas Tech University.

Speaker for this banquet will be Ron Kirk, for mer Dallas mayor and recently appointed to a cabinet position with President-Elect Barack Obama.

With the theme: "A Past To Cherish, A Future To Fulfill", tables are being sold for local business and or organizations to purchase. A table of eight may be purchased either one of the categories: Bronze, \$600; Silver, \$1,000, and Gold, \$1,500.

For more information, call Ms. Brown at (806) 744-8121

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Hub City Kiwanis Chili Fundraiser will be held Saturday, January 10, 2009, at the Theodore "Ted" Phea, Jr. Boys & Girls Club, 1801 East 24th Street, from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. The price of a bowl of Chili is \$5.00.

The public is invited to come and support this special fundraiser.

The Federation of Choirs will meet at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 4, 2009, church services got started with zeal at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled, "Choosing Among Commitments".

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted praise team leading the way and what a good and great job they did.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir went in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith".

The responsive reading read by Rev. Lee came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar pray was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "He Is Lord."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events

Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs.

The final rehearsal for the Children's Choir for the M.L.K. Celebration 2009, for first through fifth grade students, will be held Friday night, January 9, 2009, at the Alderson Middle School, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

The City Wide Praise Dancers will practice Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2009, at

that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period and then the offering was taken up. The Senior Choir sang "Holy Holy Holy" and "I Am Redeemed".

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon on titled: "A Journey To The Unknown", Joshua 3:2-5, Matthew 28:20. After the sermon, the congregation sang the song "I'll Fly Away".

Sis. Ann Mosley acknowledged all the visitors that was present.

Let's pray that God will bless each and everyone to have a prosperous New Year that God will continue to open doors in our lives also that he will continue to save and set free. Pray that 2009 will be a blessing for not only those in our community and surrounding counties all church doors that stand open in christ name.

**Scripture For The Week:** Do not fret because of evildoers nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall

the Parkway Community Center, beginning at 12:30 p. m.

Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, delivered a strong sermon last Sunday.

His subject was "The Only One Who Will Be Blessed." His scripture-text was 1 Samuel 2:1-11.

## Flu Shots for Adults

The City of Lubbock Health Department will offer an influenza immunization clinic for adults on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Health Department auditorium. The Health Department is located at 19th Street and Texas Avenue. The cost is \$15 per person, however, no one will be turned away for inability to pay unless vaccine supply has been depleted. Medicare will be accepted.

Reminder: You cannot take the flu shot if you are ill with a fever, have an allergy to eggs, or have had an adverse reaction to a previous flu shot.

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE VACCINATED DURING THIS CLINIC.**

soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb, trust in the lord and do good/dwell in the land and feed on his faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart; Commit your way to the lord of your heart trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### LOOK 10 lbs. SLIMMER

Hidden slimmers, ladies you can look 10 lbs. slimmer instantly in these knit dresses. Inside liner slims waist, tummy and hips. Your dress will fit you perfectly.

A - lace print dress with a

surplice empire waist, feminine lace print with sequined lace trim, designed especially for the woman with waist problems. The slimming liner is in the waist.

B - Faux wrap dress, universally flattering faux wrap dress features a hidden polyester/spandex panel to trim the tummy area, so you look one size smaller. Shirt collar and three quarter sleeves with ruffle and be detail, this dress can easily go from work to an evening out.

C - Jewel neck dress, long



and flowing dress with three quarter sleeves has a hidden liner panel that trims your hips. This dress is to die for, your friends will think you found a new diet.

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## Ron Clark Academy Gets \$365,000 Check from Oprah

ATLANTA - A letter from Oprah Winfrey last week seemed like the world's best Christmas present - until teacher Ron Clark noticed an extra piece of paper flutter out of the envelope.

That's when the Atlanta educator saw the \$365,000 check for the innovative private school he opened in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods in 2007. It was, quite literally, an answer

to a prayer.

"We teach school all day and fundraise at night," said Clark, who finds private donors to pay most of the \$14,000 annual tuition for each student. "To have an unsolicited gift come like that is incredible."

Clark surprised his students with the news of the donation Wednesday morning in a gathering at the south Atlanta

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## Washington's 50th Wedding Celebration

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Ray Charles, Leon, Robert J., and Cleotha Washington.

"We are very fortunate for this celebration as it has been a good 50 years," said Mr. Washington.

"It was a family affair, and we thank God for everything," said Mr. s. Washington.

It is just good when family and friends can come together!

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Lubbock Solid Waste Services Department is still accepting Christmas trees for recycling. If you would like to recycle your Christmas tree, rather than filling up the dumpster, please bring it by one of the three main recycling drop-off centers.


Elmwood: 2002 Elmwood Avenue (south of 19th, near LCU)

Southside: 1631 84th Street (west of Ave. P)

Northside: 208 Municipal Drive (between I-27 and Ashe Ave.)

Please remove everything from the tree before placing fresh-cut Christmas trees in the roll-off container outside of the gates of the drop-off locations.

After Friday, January 9, the roll-off containers will be moved inside the drop-off facility gates, and residents will then have to use normal business hours for disposing of Christmas trees.



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## 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

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# Church News



**FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH**  
"Yes We Can!"

I am saddened that New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is withdrawing his nomination to be commerce secretary because of a federal investigation into ties to a company his state has done business.

Mr. Richardson in a statement Sunday, January 4, 2009 asked President-elect Obama "not to move forward" with his investigation. The statement continues - "I do so with great sorrow. But a pending investigation of a company that has done business with New Mexico state government promises to extend for several weeks or, perhaps, even months. Let me say unequivocally that I and my Administration have acted properly in all matter and that this investigation will bear out that fact. But I have concluded that the ongoing investigation also would have forced an untenable delay in the confirmation process. Given the gravity of the economic situation the nation is facing, I could not in good conscience ask the President-elect and his Administration to delay for one day the important confirmation process."

President-elect Obama release a statement saying that he accepted the withdrawal with "deep regret. Governor Richardson is an outstanding public servant and would have brought to the job of Commerce Secretary and our economic

team great insights accumulated through an extraordinary career in state office. It is a measure of his willingness to put the nation first that he has removed himself as a candidate for the Cabinet in order to avoid any delay in filling this important economic post at this critical time. ...I look forward to his future service to our country and to MY administration."

The state of New Mexico and the western part of Texas stands to lose economically because of Governor Richardson withdrawal. Mr. Obama has hailed Mr. Richardson as a "leading economic diplomat for America."

In these dire economic times, the downturn of the economy in Eastern New Mexico influence the economic in the major cities of Western Texas. Note the New Mexico's automobile tags in Lubbock. These people come from New Mexico to purchased goods, for entertainment, medical treatment, to use the airport and etc. The highway that is expected to run from Mexico through Lubbock to Canada may end up being like the bridge to know where in Alaska. No commerce, no highway!

Last week president-elect Obama urged congressional leaders to move swiftly on an economic recovery plan. However, some Republicans are trying to make the case they need more time to review the

details. One cannot imagine delaying or stopping a stimulus check for Senior Citizens.

The question is to review what? The Federal Reserve has estimated that lenders had initiated 2.25 million foreclosures this year. One in 10 U. S. homeowners was delinquent on mortgage payments or in foreclosure.

The Republican claim is they need time to review the Obama's team economic plan so that "every dollar needs to be spent wisely and not wasted in the rush to get it spent." I'm like Lou Dobbs now: "My God! Where have these idiots been for the last eight years?" Where and who were they kissing up to when one man through fraud and deception ruin the lives of senior citizens who had their money invested to live on in their golden years and were deprived of that privileged. Their breath should have an odor from all of the wanna-be kissing!

Yes we can change America and we will change America if it means cleaning house in the next 2 and 4 years. YES WE CAN!



## We Thank God for Jesus "America It's Weeping And Howling Time"

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

**Luke 19:14** - Jesus said, his citizens (America) hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, "We will not have this man (Jesus) to reign over us."

**Revelation 2:7a** - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says unto the Churches.

America started out on the right foot, serving and worshipping the true God. But when she saw she was blessed, she said within herself, "I'm a God!"

**Psalm 2:1-3** - Why do the heathens rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The Kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cards from us."

**America Doesn't Want God In Homes, Churches, Schools, and Courthouses!!!**

America was the most blessed country in all parts of God's world. Now she is so full of hate and killing of her men, women, boys and girls!!!

**Romans 1:18-21a & 22** - For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth (The Churches) in unrighteousness, because that when they (The Churches) knew God, they glo-

rified Him not as God. Neither were thankful. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

When America gave her people good jobs, they started living the life. That's when they didn't want no more of Jesus Christ!!!

**Yes, The Jobs Did Rob God!!!**

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

When America prospered, and her money became her God. Then her Rights were not to love God with all her mind and heart!!!

(And her Rights became her God - No Prayer In School, Gang Style Killing Rights, Black Suicide Rights, Abortion Rights, Road Rage killing Rights, Drugs In Schools Rights, Christians Divorce Rights, Gangs In School Rights, Women Rights, Gay Rights, Black Rights, White Rights, Kill The Family Rights, Robbing Old People Rights and many more.)

**Yes, Rights Are Robbing God!!!**

America's new Gods became her money, home, bank

accounts, stocks, and cars. Her Rights not to serve the true God is no longer in her hearts!!!

**Proverbs 12:15** - The way of a fool is Rights in his own eyes, but he that listen unto counsel is wise.

(If God wanted mankind to have equal rights, he would have had Jesus to get it or them for the Jews, who were slaves to the Romans. When Jesus was on the earth, God only wanted the world to have Salvation Rights, but Churches wanted to do something God didn't want them to do. Get Rights For The People, and now look at the heathens and their Rights!!! Shame! Shame! Shame!)

**Isaiah 5:14a** - A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are corrupters. They have forsaken the Lord. Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

America trusted in her riches, and the thing who gave her happiness. Now look at her miseries, the country is in a great big mess!!!

**Yes, America And her Riches Did Rob God!!!**

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 4, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "Choosing Among Commitments." The scripture text was Exodus 1:8-21.

The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "But the midwives feared God, and did not as the King of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Williams and Sister Barbara Johnson in charge. Continue in prayer was done by Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang again out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Making The Right Choices." Luke 16:14-17.

It was a very inspirational sermon.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested in it his opportunity, please call

Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

The St. Matthew Baptist Senior Choir's Annual will be held Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p. m. All are invited to come and enjoy some good singing. Appearing on program will be Rev. Norman Garrett and others.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in of our Church and the Lubbock community.

Everyday more like my Savior.

Everyday my will resign, Until at last Christ reigns supremely in this grateful heart of mine.

**Thought For The Week:** "The power that compels us comes from the spirit who in dwells us."

**Is God Happy Now?** Each of the Beatitudes represents a shifting of priorities. They teach us to stop putting ourselves first.

In the process of learning to live out these values, we will make an important discovery. We find lasting happiness only when we stop trying to please ourselves and start trying to please God. We find the blessed life only when we embrace God's values instead of our own.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then please come and visit us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you did. May God bless each of you!

### Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast wanted to bring forth some information since January 20, 2009 will be an historical one for all of us.

#### A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

"A New Birth of Freedom" has been announced as the theme of President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration on January 20. The theme, taken from President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, was chosen to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The symbolism is significant: our 44th president will be the first black man to hold that office, and Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which started our nation on the path to giving full legal status to its citizens regardless of their race. However, when Obama visited Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church, to offer the inaugural prayer, the decision was harshly denounced by many of Obama's supporters. They object to Warren's public opposition to abortion and gay marriage. The President-elect is finding what all presidents find: some of their supporters think they "own" them.

#### THE DEATH OF SLAVERY

Without question, Pharaoh owned the Hebrews. They were his slaves. So when they became too numerous for Pharaoh's comfort, he took steps to limit their numbers. However, when he ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill newborn Hebrew males, he discovered he did not

own those women's hearts or consciences. Those belonged to God. The midwives' refusal to honor the king's commands was the first step in a process that eventually resulted in the death of slavery for the Hebrew people.

1. What kind of freedom do you think the theme for the inauguration suggests? Freedom from what? Freedom for whom?

2. Do you think the theme for the inauguration is appropriate? Why or why not?

3. Do you agree with Obama's decision to have Rick Warren pray at the inauguration (as well as Warren's acceptance of the invitation)? Why or why not?

4. How should Obama and Warren respond to the criticism each is receiving?

5. What are some areas in which Christians must act on the basis of their conscience, regardless of consequences? What guidelines would you offer for such acts?

—Charles R. Boatman

#### Who Gets Your Time? by Jim Burns

"...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

One year I was speaking at the family conference of one of the most well-known youth organizations in the world. Many of the attendees and their families do work similar to what I do. On Friday night of this weekend event, I spoke to the adults and their children. Afterward, on the way back to my room, I passed two teenage girls smoking cigarettes. They looked a bit hardened and not

much involved in the conference. For some reason I got to talking with them, and it surprised me to hear that their parents held high positions in the organization. I love the challenge of communicating with these kinds of kids, so we had a great time of open discussion. The next day, I was returning to my room again and there they were—the same two girls, smoking. I stopped and we started having another good conversation. Finally, feeling I was gain-

ing some trust, I said, "I'm in a very similar job situation as your dad's, and I have three daughters. What advice would you give me for being a good dad and helping my daughters live meaningful lives?" Julie, the older of the two girls, took a long drag from her cigarette, then slowly put it on the ground and stamped it out as smoke was coming from her nose. She looked up at me and replied, "I hope you spend more time with your kids than my dad

did with me. You see, he saved lots of kids, but he didn't save me." My eyes immediately filled up with tears. I went back to my room, got on my knees, and asked God to help me be the kind of father to my girls that would not put my vocation ahead of my relationship with them. I'm sure there is another side to Julie's story, but the fact remains that building a strong and healthy family cannot be done long-distance.

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**Tony Brewer**

# Obsequies

## Earnest Overstreet

Memorial services were held Tuesday morning, January 6, 2009, for Earnest Overstreet at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private disposition followed under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Overstreet, 74, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at University Medical Center.

He was born on October 27, 1934 to Ralford and Catherine Overstreet in Breamount.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Winnie D. Overstreet; two daughters, Earnestine O. Stevens and



Karisa Overstreet, two sons, Robert Kindred and Quayes Overstreet, one brother, Fred Overstreet, four sisters, one aunt, Willie Mae, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Charlie Hendrix

Services were held last Saturday afternoon, January 3, 2009, for Charlie Hendrix at Friendship Holy Baptist Church #1.

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

Hendrix, 62, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, December 28, 2008 at Covenant.

He was born March 27, 1946 to Fimice Hendrix and Azelene Mann Hendrix. He attended and graduated from Dunbar High School. He worked at Goulds Pumps until his health failed. He joined the U. S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam.

He was appointed Private First Class on October 1, 1966 and Corporal on August 1, 1969. He received two medals of Good Conduct, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, and Vietnam Campaign Medal while in the Marines. He also received education and training in Radio Relay Operation Course in 1966, Radio Set in 1967, Non-Commissioned Officer's Leadership School in 1968, and on June 27, 1972, Corporal Charlie F. Hendrix received his certificated of Honorable Discharge from the



Armed Forces

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Azelen Hendrix; one sister, Girdie Mae Greene; three nieces; two nephews; ten great-nieces and nephews; one great-great nephew; one uncle, Forrest R. Mann, Sr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.



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## Bobbie Sue Peterson

Services for Bobbie Sue Peterson, 57, of Lubbock, were held last Friday afternoon, January 2, 2009, at Divine Love Baptist Church. Rev. Kenneth Burns officiated.

Services were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Burial followed in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Woodrow, Texas.

Peterson, a longtime resident of Lubbock, died on Dec. 29, 2008. Bobbie was born March 16, 1951, in Royce City, Texas, to Floyd and Zentla Brown. She was outgoing and always loved people.

Those left to cherish her memories are her sons, James (Candace), of Lubbock, Herbert



Peterson, of Lubbock and Clifford Peterson, of Abilene; daughter, Lorine (Jerry) Whitley, of Lubbock. Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

## Cincinnati Closes the Book on 2001 Race Riots

CINCINNATI (AP) -- The Cincinnati Police Department has made significant progress in changing practices and building community relationships since race riots stunned the city in 2001, a court-appointed monitor said in his final report released Tuesday.

The report wraps up a six-year review of police procedures, policies, training and record keeping. It resulted from an agreement with the Justice Department a year after the riots and from a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and black activists who claimed 30 years of harassment by police.

The report was expected in October but was delayed when monitor Saul Green was appointed deputy mayor of Detroit in a shake-up of that city's government. His report said Cincinnati's police reform effort was one of the most ambitious ever attempted - and one of

the most successful.

"The parties' performance under the agreements were initially halting and defensive," the report said. "With time and the emergence of impressive leadership throughout the Cincinnati community, significant compliance with the agreements were achieved resulting in the Cincinnati collaborative being one of the most successful police reform efforts ever undertaken in this country."

ACLU attorney Scott Greenwood credits the success of the reform to the early and continued involvement of community members and patrol officers to determine what the people of Cincinnati wanted.

"The police department in 2008, and going into '09, is a very different department than when we filed the lawsuit," he said, and has set a "gold standard" for policing nationwide.

"Cincinnati is now a model. It can be a model and should be a model," he said. "It isn't an overnight fix, it isn't cheap, it can't be easily copied by every community, but there are aspects of what we've done that can be copied anywhere in the country."

A message seeking comment was left Tuesday evening for Police Chief Thomas Streicher Jr.

Green had indicated at a court hearing in August that his final report would be favorable, and U.S. District Judge Susan Dlott, who appointed Green, said she expected to accept it.

The main component of the reform program is known as Community Problem-Oriented Policing, which required numerous new policies and procedures, including training and record keeping.

"The city of Cincinnati is now in a very different situation than it was in 2002," the report concluded. "The CPD has improved its training, its policies and procedures, its investigations of uses of force and citizen complaints, its risk management and its accountability."

The report noted continuing efforts to improve relations between police and the community, particularly the African-American community.

The 2001 riots came after the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a white police officer who was trying to make an arrest.

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## Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus grant applications for the following: Section 5307 Jobs Access Reverse Commute, and New Freedom for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur on January 12, 2009, at 12 noon at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue. The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5307 Funds - The total program cost is estimated at \$3,656,250, \$2,925,000 of which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds and \$731,250 as local match. This funding will be used for preventive maintenance, non-fixed route ADA services, planning, operating, and capital improvements. Specific projects will include passenger amenities and security upgrades.

Jobs Access Reverse Commute - This program cost is estimated at \$334,786, \$167,393 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration funds and \$167,393 as local match. This funding will be used to provide specific fixed route services.

New Freedom - This program cost is estimated at \$82,298, \$65,838 of which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration funds and \$16,460 as local match. This funding will be used for mobility management.

Interested individuals and agencies may submit evidence and recommendations orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2009. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to mharvey@citibus.com; or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2003. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**MORE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE IN MLK CELEBRATION: THIS N THAT** ... would hope there were more of young children participating in the ... **MLK CELEBRATION ATION 2009** ... It was hoped there would be ... **A 100 VOICE CHOIR** ... and a ... **50 PRAISE DANCERS** ... The last day for practice will be ... Friday evening ... January 9, 2009 ... at Alderson Middle School ... Beginning at 6:30 p. m. ... This rehearsal is for young people ... first grade thru fifth grade ... Surely ... Mom & Dad ... Grandparents ... Aunts & Uncles ... There are at least ... 100 who want to be part of this historical year ... Youth/Young Adult and Up ... are asked to meet at Alderson on Friday evening ... beginning at 7:30 p. m. ... A ... **CITY WIDE PRAISE DANCE** ... Will practice on Saturday afternoon ... January 10, 2009 ... at the Parkway Community Center ... It would appear with

what will betaking place on ... Tuesday ... January 29, 2009 ... this should not be such a problem as the first African American ... **BARACK OBAMA** ... will be sworn as President of the United States of America ... Will you help with this?? ... **THIS N THAT** ... is sure that ... **MINISTER EQUILLA PEOPLES** ... who serves as directress will be most appreciative!! ... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YESTERDAY'S HOMERUN** ... will not win ... today's **BALL GAME** ... as it is what you do today that counts" ... **TRUSTEE HOLMES CALLED AND SAID SHE WILL CALL MEETING!! THIS N THAT** ... hear from ... **SISTER VERNITA HOLMES** ... and she will call a ... **TOWN HALL MEETING** ... to discuss the local schools in East Lubbock ... especially what's in store for ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** ... and WILL call

the meeting after the meeting being called for ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** ... by ... **DAVID VASQUEZ** ... When she calls this Town Hall Meeting ... Be sure to attend and ... **SISTER HOLMES** ... as she represents District Two ... As long as we are on the same page ... things will get better ... According to ... **SISTER HOLMES** ... she will invite the ... **TWO AT-LARGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** ... to be in attendance ... **CITY MAY CALL BOND ELECTION IN MAY! THIS N T HAT** ... wants to advise our City Councilman ... **FLOYD PRICE** ... that if the ... Lubbock City Council decides to call a ... **BOND ELECTION IN MAY** ... that it would be great to call a ... **TOWN HALL MEETING** ... in order to explain what's on the agenda for the proposed election ... Also ... if there ... will be an ... **Continue on Page 6**



## THINK ABOUT IT!

"Yesterday Is Gone; Tomorrow Is Not Here!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not here so lets be in love with today. If it was not or could not be accomplished in 2008, so what it's gone and there is nothing any one or any thing can do to fix or change the situation. It's over, forget it. You see, the thing we should be concentrating on is being the best we can be or doing the best we can in 200. The future is in our hands, and what happens is up to us. We must take a look back on our past mistakes, not dwell on them, but make it a priority not to repeat them and move on. Our young men must first pull up their pants and realize no one cares about looking at their dirty under pants and some times even their behind. They must start by developing self esteem, pride in self and begin setting goals and accomplishing them or at least some of some of them. They must strive for upstanding man hood by obtaining an education developing self pride and learn and recognize making babies does not make a man, but taking care of and sup-

porting what one produces makes a man even more than a man, but a respectable man. Remember being a sperm bank does not make a man as any male can do that as well monkeys, skunks, flies, and all other forms of animals, mammals, etc. We want to see our young rise above the status of lower species to the level of decent human being. We need to change our ideas of images for our young people in a lot of cases we are looking for the goose that laid the golden egg is in our own back yard. We only have to look in our own back y ar and stop looking to or at entertainers, actors, sports figures, because in many cases, these are bad choices in this day and time when low morals, drugs, open sex, and immorality. In genera, it is the in thing for many high profile persons. Stop look in our own community, we have parents that sent their children to church, and college on moderate incomes, fathers that are family men support their families, go to church and work

in the community, retire from jobs. We have many neighbors who work with our young people in our schools, community centers, libraries, to make things better and increase images in our communities. We need more police, firemen, male teachers to help our young boys have male images who look like them since many do not have fathers at home. We need plumbers, carpenters, merchants, to make our communities competitive at the market place we need to take back our communities from the gangs, drug dealers, how can a punk claim turf when they do not pay taxes, have no job, drive by shooting and the true property owner fail to report these incidents even when you call the police you do not have to identify your self. **Closing Thought:** "We have not inherited the Earth from ours; we have borrowed it from our children..."

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Just recently, I received a beautiful e-mail article about the Winter of Your Life. God knows that I did not need to be reminded that I am in the 'winter' of my life, but it was such a beautiful passage until it seems to stay on my mind. It is true that we often do not feel that there is any need to worry about the 'winter' of our lives, especially when we are young, gifted, healthy and talented. We too often live for the day and sometimes as if it were our last day. We are given advice, to take it slow, be careful, work hard, prepare for the rainy day, treat others as we would have them treat us and the whole idea of being a wholesome individual. Some of us heed the advice given us and eventually can look back and see how important it was that we followed, even when our 'winter' arrives unexpectedly. We work and play hard and then before we know it, the age of retirement is upon us. Most of us will admit that it is a time which we really looked forward to, eagerly. Most often when it arrives, we really find that it is not all it is cracked up to be. Usually, the first thing one feels at the onset of retirement is

the fact that "I do not have to get up early in the morning to go to work!" It feels good so we stay in bed until we feel like getting up. As this mode becomes acceptable, we soon find that we do not go to bed until in the wee hours of the morning and when we really have an appointment of some sort, usually a doctor's appointment, it takes extra willpower and preparation to get up to go. As our 'winter' sets in, we find that pretty soon, doctor appointments may be the only place we are committed to going. It takes extra effort to attempt to do anything else away from home. We wonder how we ever got anything done at home when we were employed, because now it takes all of one's effort to do simple things at home on a daily basis. Our expenses are really no less, as a mater of fact, being home uses more energy; electricity and gas, but perhaps less gasoline as we spend more time at home. Some of us deny that we are in our 'winter' and continue to work beyond retirement age and somehow we find some joy in 'winter' because we stand tall, refuse to give in to ole 'Artha,' his sister 'Rhea' and their kindred cousins. It is time, however, for us who are 'over 40' to get 'in cinque' and plan for our 'winters' and make our NEW YEAR HAPPY! and applauds the "profound difference you're making with your passion for teaching." The check was issued by the Oprah Winfrey Foundation, which gave \$4 million to educational programs in 2008, said foundation executive director Caren Yanis. Teachers at the school frequently use rapping, dancing and drumming to help students learn.

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**Oprah Gives \$365,000 To Atlanta School**  
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## 15-Year-Old Honor Student Records Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King



**Wilmington, NC (BlackNews.com)** - Olivia Harris, a 15-year-old New York City 11th grader has recorded a unique and powerful rendition of A Warrior Has Fallen, a heroic tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. written by her father, Herbert Harris, author of The Twelve Universal Laws of Success.

The recording features the tribute interwoven with music and excerpts from Dr. King's speech in Memphis Tennessee. Olivia recorded this poem in Wilmington, North Carolina, a town with special significance in Dr. Martin Luther King's story. His next speaking engagement was scheduled to be in Wilmington before his untimely death. Olivia was excited to record A Warrior Has Fallen because she feels that it is important for young people to remember Dr. King's legacy and understand

### Mission On Move Set For Saturday Morning

An outreach program which grew out of a discussion in the Adult Sunday School Class at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, is underway. It was given the name of "Mission On The Move" by Superintendent Ruby Donaldson. "We can reach out and attempt to encourage non-church persons to attend church, but if they are hungry, we can't reach them. This is why we need to reach out and feed our needed community," she continued. Saturday morning, January 10, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a. m. a delicious meal will be served at the church until it's gone! All come and eat!!

his impact on the world. Her rendition of this tribute revives the art of dramatic recitation that was prevalent in American schools of the past. She hopes to have A Warrior Has Fallen heard by young people on radio and television stations throughout the country. In addition to dramatic reading, Olivia is also an author and composer. She has written a book of poetry entitled "To Whom It May Concern." Olivia is presently composing her debut album and has released another dramatic performance entitled "The Kidnapped African Would Not Die" which is available on iTunes and Amazon. Olivia's recording of A Warrior Has Fallen is available for downloading on iTunes and Amazon, and is being distributed to radio stations across the

nation and she is available for interview. On the academic side, Olivia has received a travel scholarship to visit China in the summer of 2009. Olivia's video of A Warrior Has Fallen may be seen on her website, www.oliviaspeaks.com or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjDDhP9N-mA. Special versions of the recording are being provided to top radio and TV shows, including Oprah, Tyra, Ellen, The View, and Tom Joyner, Steve Harvey, and Doug Banks Morning Shows. For more information, to interview Olivia or obtain a promotional copy of A Warrior Has Fallen, contact John Hughes at (910) 262-2680 or by email to lifeskill@earthlink.net

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## Roland Burris, the appointee of embattled Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich

**THIS & THAT**  
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in election a committee or commission to coordinate such Bond Election will be... This would mean... perhaps... for each Councilmen to name either one or two members... with the Mayor naming three and the Chairperson... If this happens... then as a community... we need to hear from Councilman Price... and let him know we... **SUPPORT**... him... But we need a... **TOWN HALL MEETING**... without the all professional city staff involved... as we need to hear from **COUNCILMAN PRICE**... So if the Bond Election is called... let's encourage Councilman Price to call this needed... **TOWN HALL MEETING!!**  
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Reporters swarmed Burris and documented his every step as he made his way through the Capitol and into the office of the secretary of the Senate on the first day of the 111th Congress. CNN's Dana Bash described the scene as a "madhouse." In a news conference before a flock of observers and reporters, Burris said the secretary of the Senate told him his credentials were "not in order" and therefore he would not be allowed access to the floor. Watch Burris describe what happened »

Nancy Erickson, the Senate secretary, initially rejected Burris' appointment Monday because his certificate of appointment was missing the signature of Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, an aide to the secretary said.

White has declined to sign the certificate, siding with some Senate Democrats who say Burris should not be seated because of the cloud over Blagojevich.

Blagojevich, a Democrat, has been accused of trying to sell

Obama's open Senate seat. Burris has maintained that Blagojevich's problems have nothing to do with him and the appointment is legal.

Timothy W. Wright III, an attorney for Burris, said the rejection of Burris' credentials was unlawful.

Don't Miss  
Rollins' Seat Roland Burris  
Burris: 'I am the legally appointed senator'  
Burris to meet with Dem leaders, source says  
"Our credentials were rejected by the secretary of the Senate. We were not allowed to be placed in the record books. We were not allowed to proceed to the floor for purposes of taking oath, all of which we think was improperly done and it is against the law of this land," Wright said.

Burris said Tuesday he was not seeking a confrontation and would consult with his attorneys to determine his next steps.

Wright did not give specifics but he said he was prepared to take the issue to "the highest court in the land."

"The outcome that we will be looking for is that Sen. Roland Burris will be standing on the floor of the Senate conducting his responsibilities as the junior senator from the state of Illinois," Wright said.

Senate Democrats who do not want to seat Burris insist that the problem is with the appointer, not the appointee.

Burris, 71, is one of Illinois' most accomplished politicians, having served as state comptroller and attorney general.

"This is all politics and theater, but I am the junior senator according to every law book in the nation," Burris said Monday.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., who also was considered a contender for the open Senate seat, spoke out on behalf of Burris.

"There is a strong constitutional and legal case for his seating," he said. "The longer this process takes the more racialized this seat becomes and the more difficult it becomes for Democrats to hold it in 2010."

Republican strategist Ed Rollins also urged Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to seat Burris.

"This is one battle you don't need. The last thing you and your caucus wants now -- or the new president needs -- is a battle over seating his replacement for the last two years of his term," he wrote in a commentary on CNN.com. Read why Rollins says Burris should be seated.

One possible compromise would be to allow Burris to be seated in the Senate so long as he agrees not to run in 2010, according to a source.

A senior Democratic source familiar with Senate leadership deliberations said Democrats fear Burris' association with Blagojevich would make him so tainted that he would lose the Democratic seat if he ran in the next election. The source declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

The compromise would clear the field for other Democratic candidates that the leadership considers more viable in 2010.

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### Concerned Citizens Donates Christmas Dinner



Colandra Harris with her Christmas turkey, along with two family members, donated by the Concerned Citizens.

Idajia Johnson, a student at Parkway Elementary, provided her family a complete Christmas Dinner. The Concerned Citizens asked Parkway Elementary to provide the name of a deserving student to receive Christmas dinner. Idajia was selected and Dwight Pierce, President of the Concerned Citizens, delivered all the goodies to Idajia.

Idajia's mother, Colandra Harris, was very happy to receive the donation and stated "It would go along ways towards making for a Merry Christmas." "Be it an individual, a family, the community or the entire City, the Concerned Citizens will do what we can to make things better," stated Pierce.

### Obama Girls Off To School Monday

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problems online. "Kids are very protective of each other," she said.

"You're talking about a school environment and I generally think that once they start school they become family and friends with each other."

The Obama transition team, acknowledging public interest in the girls, posted photographs of the family getting ready for school on the photo sharing site Flickr on Monday.

"There will be news stories about them no matter how careful and cooperative the media is and how careful the parents are. Something they say or do will become of great public interest and delight or controversy," Wead said.

How Sasha and Malia handle the media attention will depend in part on their parents.

"The children will look to their parents for clues: 'Are we victims here or are we having fun?'" Wead said. "It looks to me that they are communicating 'We're having fun,' so that will make a really big difference for the girls."

### We Would Like to Wish Everybody A Happy New Year!



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### MLK Little League Begins Sign Up At United Supermarket Saturday Morning!

The MLK Little League is in need of help from the community as they begin signing up prospective players on Saturday morning, January 10, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the United Supermarket, 2630 Parkway Drive.

For information concerning meetings, contact Charles Curry at 797-6921.

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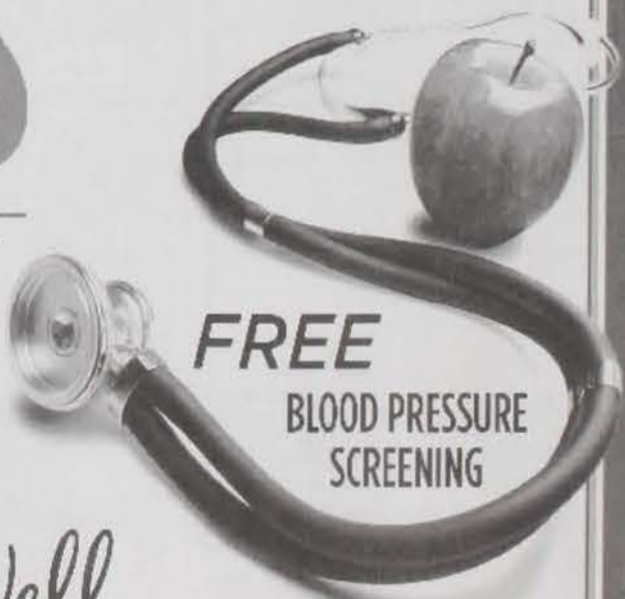
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