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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 1st Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd. 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Child Council meets on the 2nd Saturdays, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kwansu 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 Women History meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- Earl Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Stadium Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Madhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar/Madhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association For Lunch 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 Sixteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 1st Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hart Elementary
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Des Elementary Cafeteria

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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## Local Talent Invited to Perform with Famous Gospel Recording Artist



The West Texas Mass Choir

(Lubbock, TX) - Well-known Gospel Recording Artist Luther Barnes will direct a 100-voice West Texas Mass Choir on Saturday, March 21. The event, sponsored by the local organization Each One Reach One, hopes to raise money for scholarships for young people in the community.

Anyone interested in participating in the choir can pick up an application at Southwest Digest located at 902 E 28th St. or by calling Faye Brown at (806) 831-9986. Brown, the president of Each One Reach One, hopes the choir will consist of every race and background.

"This is such an exciting opportunity to bring a wide range of people together and give back to our community,"

Brown said. "We shouldn't separate ourselves in this city, and we have for a long time. There is no black heaven, no white heaven and no Hispanic heaven. We are all the same in God's eyes."

Each person accepted into the choir will be required to attend several rehearsals before Barnes' arrival. Then on Saturday, March 21, the choir will do a live recording under the direction of Barnes at the Church of the Blessed, 1809 34th St.

Barnes, who began performing professionally at the age of nine, has been in a number of groups, released more than 20 albums, has had several of his songs featured in films and has even appeared in off-Broadway

plays. He has received numerous awards including the 1992 Vision Award and the Stellar and GMWA Excellence Award.

"It's an honor to have Luther come to Lubbock. He is an award-winning artist with decades of experience in the music industry," Brown said.

CDs of the live performance will be sold at various locations around Lubbock. The money raised will provide college scholarships to area students.

All applications to participate in the West Texas Mass Choir are due on Saturday, Feb. 21. For more information about the West Texas Mass Choir, contact Brown at (806) 831-9986 or at (806) 744-6123.



Dr. Heenan Johnson, II

## Lubbock Dentist Honored at Black History Month Opening Ceremony

Featuring Dante James, Emmy-Award Winning Filmmaker

Eight Annual Black History Month Opening Ceremony honoring Heenan Johnson, II, one of Lubbock's first African American dentists will be held Friday, January 30, 2009, at the Texas Tech School of Law.

The Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Black Faculty and Staff Association will celebrate the beginning of Black History Month starting with a banquet honoring Dr. Heenan Johnson, Jr. II, for his 50 years of service to the community as one of Lubbock's first African American dentists and culminating with Dante James, an African American Emmy award-winning filmmaker.

The banquet will begin at

5:30 pm in the Forum room of the Texas Tech Law School. Dante James presentation will follow at 7:30 pm in the Lanier Auditorium of the Law School. James is an artist in residence at Duke University and has produced films such as, The Doll based on Charles W. Chesnut's short story, The Doll. He has received numerous awards including Emmy awards and nominations for Slavery and The Making of America and the Marian Anderson. There is limited seating, but no charge to attend the banquet.

The community of Lubbock is invited to attend this affair, and salute this Lubbockite who has made many contributions to the Lubbock community.

## Named Pastor Of The Year: Rev. Larry Brooks - Community Baptist Church

In a new twist to the annual celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, a Gospel Awards was held this year at the George Allen Theatre on the campus of Texas Tech University on Monday evening, January 19, 2009, which was the official holiday of Dr. King.

The Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, was named 'Pastor of the Year.'

Other persons who participated were recognized.

This first Gospel Awards program followed the Youth Explosion was held at the Alderson Middle School where more than hundred young people participated by singing, reading poetry, reciting poetry, acting, and doing other outstanding acts for the community to see.

"We are just proud of our young people," said Ms. Tracy Snell-Jackson, who coordinated this annual affair.

Saturday evening, January 17, 2009, the 8th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet was held at the McInturf Center at



the University Medical Center. The banquet was sold out.

The Annual City Wide Services were held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, where it all began 38 years ago.

Three dynamic sermons were given by Pastor Larry Brooks, Pastor J. H. Ford, and Pastor Jack Moore.

It was a very good 38th Anniversary!

## Rev. Johnson Will Speak At SPC Today

The pastor of the Mount Giload Baptist Church, Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, will be speaking today, January 29, 2009, at the South Plains College's Student Union Building, Sundown Room, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

This program is being sponsored by the Black Student Organization at South Plains College in Levelland. There will be a vigil in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Also appearing on the program will be poetry reading, and music.

There is no admission, and the public is invited to attend this affair.

According to a representative of the Black Student Organization, this is their way of showing the community we are appreciative of what the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did for all Americans.

"This is a very positive program, and will have a very dynamic speaker in that of Pastor J. Jerome Johnson, who will deliver a dynamic and informative message," said the spokesperson.

## MLK Little League Taking Applications For Summer Play

The sign-up for the upcoming baseball season for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Little League is underway as of Saturday, January 10, 2009, at the United Supermarket, 2630 Parkway Drive.

"We appreciate the cooperation from the many parents and guardians who came out last Saturday," said Charles Curry, president of the Martin Luther King Little League.

According to Mr. Curry, some outstanding plans are underway for this year's season. "We want our boys and girls of the league to have many opportunities to play and learn more about the many opportunities in life."

"We are encouraging our boys and girls who participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Little League to stay in school and do their very best each day," said Mr. Curry.

A sign up was held Saturday, January 17, 2009, at United Supermarket between 10:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. This year, only boys and girls between the ages of 5 years and

12 years of age, are eligible to play. Four year old children will not be permitted to play, because of insurance regulations. All four year old children are eligible to play at Lubbock Christian Athletic Association (LCAA).

MLK has four (4) division levels of play. They are T-Ball, ages 5-6, Machine Pitch, ages 7-8, Farm, ages 9-10, and Major, ages 11-12. If a child is 4 years of age and will have a birthday before May 1, he or she will be eligible to play.

For more information, call Mr. Curry at 577-1373.

The officers were elected last Monday, January 26, 2009. They are: Charles Curry, president; Randle Sanders, vice president; Janet Cage, secretary; Roseman Waddall, treasurer; Michael Akin and Quinceal Ivory, player agents; Nathaniel Cage, safety officer; Albert Urive, equipment manager; and Ramon & Jimmy Collins, field managers.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2009.

## Photos of 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration





# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The January meeting of the Federation of Choirs was held last Sunday afternoon, January 25, 2009, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where the proud pastor is Rev. Sonia J. Scott. It was a very inspirational monthly session with the house being full.

Those churches in attendance were Bethel African Methodist, Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, Community Baptist, First Progressive Baptist, Lyons Chapel Baptist, Mt. Gilead

Baptist, R Rising Star Star Baptist, St. John Baptist, and Greater St. Luke Baptist Churches.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the host Church, Christ Temple Church of God in Christ. Supt. David Haynes is pastor, on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 2009.

Sister Bennie Sims was present at the session last Sunday afternoon. She has been recovering from knee surgery.

She told the large gathering,

"I am glad to be back, and I thank God for where he has brought me!"

Let us continue to pray for our many sick and shut in residents of Lubbock and other areas of Texas as well as the nation.

Word comes from a former Lubbock resident, Mr. Harlan Bunton, who is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the brother of Sister Frances Bunton-Bell of Lubbock. Your prayers are most appreciated.

Two longtime Lubbock residents, Sister Eva Cade and Brother Wilbert Locke are recuperating from sickness at this report.

There are so many others, so let's remember them in our prayers.

Word is received of an upcoming Free West Texas Live Gospel Recording, featuring Gospel Recording Artist Luther Barnes. It will also feature the West Texas Mass Choir. It will be held Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2009, at the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th St Street, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

For more information, contact Sister Faye Brown at either of the following numbers: (806) 762-3612; (806) 744-6123 or (806) 831-9986.

According to Sister Brown, "We are have a most inspirational rehearsal sessions each week, and can't hardly wait until this happens in March."

Why not visit a public school this week.

## New Light Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 25, 2009, at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School got underway at 9:45 a. m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the morning lesson, Preparing For Commitments, with the scripture text being Judges 8:3-8. What a wonderful discussion which was held by the group. Brother Chiles did a splendid job in reviewing.

The morning worship begun at 11:00 a. m. with our Praise Team at their post of duty. Rev. L. C. Lee read the responsive reading which was found in Psalm 35:1-10. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stands singing out of their hearts and souls. The Senior Choir sang "Trouble In My Way" and "Rock of Ages." Pastor Jackson offered the altar prayer.

Sister Rochelette Hood read

the morning announcements and acknowledged those had birthdays during the wee. She also reminded the membership of the upcoming events that will be taking place. Time was also allotted for pastoral period where members meet and greet each other as well as visitors.

Pastor Jackson delivered sermon entitled "The Lord Is My Shepherd. His scripture text was Psalm 23:1-6. It was well received by all in attendance.

Scripture For The Week: "If it had not been for the Lord who was on my side, now may Israel say; if it had not been the Lord on my side, when men rose up against us; then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul; then the proud waters had gone over our soul."

Psalm 124:1-5

Praise the Lord, He is good to all of us!

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



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of The Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

## YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week

## Church of the Blessed

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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

You have the golden opportunity to enjoy the beauty, peace and serene of flowers through out the winter season. Roses, tulips, daistes and lilies, what's your favorite?

They are spreading and blooming everywhere. Most of the top fashion designers are busy designing beautiful dresses, tops, scarves, handbags and even shoes in flower.

You can also purchase flower pins separately to match your favorite hat. It's the little things that usually make a huge difference.

Whatever you desire, you can get it in beautiful, colorful flowers.

NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES...HOW GREAT IS



THAT!

SHOPPING? LOOK FOR SOMETHING REFRESHING...FLORAL MAYBE!

Fashion tip...always wear a smile.

## Important Dates For LISD

**January 29** - School for Young Women Leaders (SYWL), 415 N. Ivory, will host a magnet open house from 6-7:30 p.m. The SYWL is the only single-gender middle school on the South Plains and focuses on college preparation, leadership and wellness.

For more information contact LISD: Nancy Sharp, 766-1062  
SYWL contact: Dr. Kim Perry, 766-1744

throughout the afternoon and begins Saturday at 9 a.m.

LISD contact: Nancy Sharp, 928-0006

Aquatics contact: Ron Holihan, 766-1777

**January 30-31** - Academic Decathlon teams from all four LISD high schools begin regional competition. Coronado, Lubbock High and Monterey will travel to Midland

for the large-school meet. Estacado will travel to Katy, Texas for the small-school meet. Regional winners who advance to the State competition will be named Saturday night. At-large State qualifiers will be named on Monday.

LISD contact: Brian Morris, 577-3879

Decathlon contact: Marybeth Hines, 766-1107

These are very important dates for our youth in LISD.

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Morning Worship 11:00 am

### Wednesday Services

Bible Study  
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

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Various agencies and organizations will be present to provide you with information and instructions about getting their services.

Lunch will be provided.



# Church News



## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH "Radical In The White House!"

On January 20, 2009, Thomas L. Friedman (OP.ED COLUMNIST for the New York Times) wrote in the Opinion section an article captioned "Radical in the White House."

This article drew 202 readers' comments with many varied opinions. The title of Mr. Friedman article reflects the tone of a Harvard educated black male being on the level of a street thug.

After reading this article in depth the word "radical" move from the negative to the positive. Let me share with you some of Mr. Friedman thoughts: For one day, for one hour, let us take a bow as a country. Nearly 233 years after our founding, 144 years after the close of our Civil War and 46 years after Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, this crazy quilt of immigrants called Americans finally elected a black man, Barack Hussein Obama, as president. Walking back from the inauguration, I saw an African-American street vendor wearing a home-stenciled T-shirt that pretty well captured the moment-and then some. It said: "Mission Accomplished."

But we cannot let this be the last mold we break, let alone the last big mission we accomplish. Now that the we have overcome biography, we need to write some new history-one that will reboot, revive and reinvigorate

America. That, for me, was the essence of Obama's inaugural speech and I hope we-and he-are really up to it.

Indeed, dare I say, I hope Obama really has been palling around all these years with that old Chicago radical Bill Ayers. I hope Obama really is a closet radical.

Not radical left or right, just a radical, because this is a radical moment. It is a moment for radical departures from business as usual in so many areas. We can't thrive as a country any longer by coasting on our reputation, by postponing solution to every big problem that might involve pain and by telling ourselves that dramatic new initiatives-like a gasoline tax, national health care or banking reform-are too hard or "off the table." So my most fervent hope about President Obama is that he will be as radical as this moment that he will put everything on the table.

"The system is built for stalemate," said Michael J. Sandel, the Harvard University political theorist. "In ordinary times, the energy and dynamism of American life reside in the economy and society, and people view government with suspicion or indifference. But in times of national crisis, Americans look to government to solve fundamental problems that affect them directly. These are times


when presidents can do big things. These moments are rare. But the offer the occasion for the kind of leadership that can recast the political landscape, and redefine the terms of political argument for a generation."

In the 1930s, the Great Depression enabled Franklin Roosevelt to launch the New Deal and redefine the role of the federal government, while in the 1960s, the assassination of John F. Kennedy and "the moral ferment of the civil rights movement" enabled Lyndon Johnson to enact his Great Society agenda, including Medicare, the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act.

These presidencies did more than enact new laws and programs, they rewrote the social contract, and redefined what it means to be a citizen. Obama's moment, and his presidency, could be that consequential.

George W. Bush completely squandered his post-9/11 moment to summon the country to a dramatic new rebuilding at home. This has left us in some very deep holes. These holes-and the broad awareness that we are at the bottom of them-is what makes this a radical moment, calling for radical departures from business as usual, led by Washington.

This is why this voter is hoping Obama will swing for the Continue on Page 8



## We Thank God for Jesus

"Church It's Praying Time Not Playing Time!"

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

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

**\*\*\*\* PRAY ALWAYS!!! \*\*\*\***  
Look around, Church, I know you've seen THE SIGNS, the world I full of troubles, AND IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!

**Mark 138** - Jesus said, for nations rise against nations, and there shall be earthquakes, in divers places, and there shall be famine and troubles. These are the beginning of sorrow.

When the Father Kills his WIFE, then he kills his SUICIDE!!!

**Matthew 23:37-39** - Jesus said, O Jerusalem (Church), Jerusalem (Church), you that kills the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold (Look), your house is left unto you desolate (Forsaken). For I say unto you, You shall not see me henceforth, till you shall say, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

**\*\*\*\* CHURCH, HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS??? \*\*\*\***

The Mother drowns her five Children in the BATH TUB. Say he's crazy, but she didn't have ANY LOVE!!! - THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

**Psalm 127:3-4** - Look, children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb in his reward. As arrow is in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of the youth.

The little 12 year old boy kills his sister with a BASEBALL BAT, He said she was noisy as he watched T.V. AS HE BABY SAT!!! THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

**Matthew 24:0-2** - Jesus said, then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity (Sin) shall abound, the love of many shall wax (Grow) cold.

**\*\*\*\* CHURCH, HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS??? \*\*\*\***

Woman cut into close in front of a man she HAD PASSED. Road rage. He did the same, killing the mother of two children AS HE PASSED!!! THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

**Luke 6:35** - Jesus said, love your enemies, and do good; and lend hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be the children of the Highest. For He

is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

The Father kills his son, saying I BOUGHT INTO THE WORLD. THE LIE OF THE DEVIL. PARENTS TELL TO THEIR BOYS AND GIRLS!!! THAT'S THE SIGN!!! (THAT IS ONE LIE I'VE HARD ALL MY LIFE. PARENTS SAYING I BROUGHT YOU INTO THE WORLD, AND I WILL TAKE YOU OUT. LOOK, IF THE FATHER DIES, THE NIGHT HE SET IN THE SEED, AND THE MOTHER DIES LIVING BIRTH OF DIDN'T NEED NEITHER ONE OF THEM TO KEEP THE CHILD ALIVE!!! ONLY GOD CAN KEEP THE CHILD ALIVE!!! AM RIGHT ABOUT IT???)

**I Timothy 6:7** - For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out!

**\*\*\*\* THANK JESUS WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO!!!\*\*\*\***

Man kills his wife over the insurance money HE COULD RECEIVE. TH COURTS ONLY GAVE HIM 18 YEARS, BUT DEATH HE SHOULD RECEIVE!!!

**Genesis 9:6** - God said, who so sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man.

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "Preparing For Commitment. The scripture text was Judges 13:1-13; 24.

The morning lesson was

taught by Sister Nina Davis, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

It was a wonderful lesson for all to hear and participate. The key verse was: "For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."

**Judges 13:5**

The morning devotion got

underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. What a blessing!

The St. Matthew Baptist Choir was at their post of duty singing God's praises out of their hearts and souls. We are blessed with such dedicated choir members. Praise the Lord for each choir member!

Rev. Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "How Good It Is To Be Recovered By God. His scrip-

ture text was Job 1:6-12.

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

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of the church and community. God is still in

control, regardless of the circumstances.

Oh, yes, the St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested in this opportunity, then give Pastor Canady a call at (806) 744-2552.

**Thought of the Week:** "Knowing about God is fantastic! Knowing God personally is life changing!"

If you are still looking for a Church Home, then do come and visit with the membership and pastor of the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Just stop by on any given Sunday morning. You'll be glad you did so!

Of course, there are many churches in Lubbock, but we are inviting you to come become a part of the St. Matthew Baptist Church!

Have a wonderful week, and may God continue bless you!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### "Pursuing Real Peace!"

This is what most people are looking for. So how do we obtain real peace? They must have real peace with God if they are to have any peace at all. What is the answer to this real people's problem? Jesus is the solution.

If w - you and I - would be the peacemakers God has commanded us to be. We will be constantly on the job making peace between people. You may be asking yourself how can I make peace within people? You can do it. You and Jesus cannot fail!

You plant the seed of God's word adequately securely, and with great concern into the hearts of hurting, frustrated, and angry people. The wonderful precious spirit of God does the rest. Just as it is with a natural garden. So must you with the seed of God's word planted into the heart.

Keep working with the soil. Praying over it and for it. Keep in giving it gentle care, then you will know the harvest is soon to come. When peace is made within the heart, the soul tormentors must take flight. When the enemies take flight,

violence, crime, immorality and sin, in general, decrease. God is pleased, and we're blessed. Blessed are the peacemakers. For they shall be known as a Child of God. Are you a child of God? Be a Peace Maker. Satan doesn't like a Peace Maker!

A message to the world the oppressors will be oppressed. Tell Pharaohs of the world to let "our People go!"

Keep loving all, and showing it. It doesn't matter if they are unlovable. That's not your problem!

Thought For Today: "Love is a healing balm that reaches deep into the soul. Hat is a silent killer that you inject into your own body that destroys the whole man."

Keep those drive by prayers oing, Saints. They are working. As you sat in your Church, pray for your Pastor, and all Pastors and congregations!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christena Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

**Information About Bible**  
Every book in the Bible also has its own page, with information about who wrote the book, links to each chapter on the book and other general information.

The Old Testament and new Testament each have their own page with links to each book contained in them.

Eventually from the weekly lessons I study, mentioned above, I will create a page on this site with the verses that we are studying, attempt to place the events in historical context within the Bible, and offer my overview and opinions on the lesson. You may want to use

some of these pages for home Bible study groups or if you are not able to make it to Church every week. Once I complete all of the books and chapters of the Bible, I will start this process.

There is one very important point that I would like to make, and that is anything that you may find or read on this site is no more than my opinion. Never assume I know what I am talking about, and never take my opinions as gospel. For that matter, never blindly follow anyone,

whether they are a preacher or not. Each person should study the Bible and pray for their own understanding. Blindly accepting someone else's word about religion is dangerous.

Bible Scripture Lessons is a constantly expanding and changing site. I don't think it will ever be "finished", so if you enjoy anything on it, check back often for updates.

Once I start the weekly lesson summaries, the most recent weekly Bible Scripture lessons

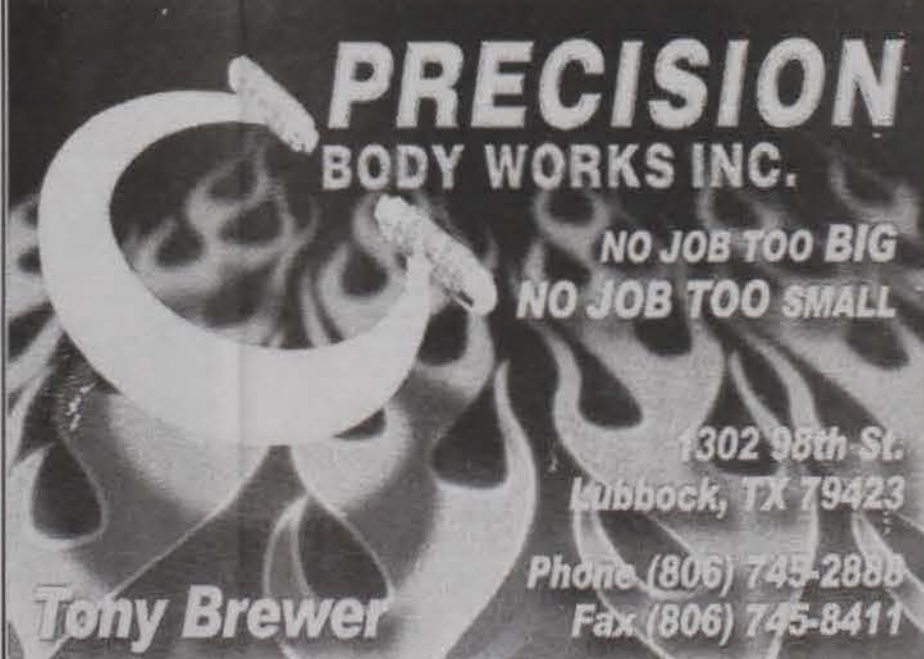
will be listed below, including a link to the page they are contained on. To find past Bible lessons, look for links organized by month and year in the left hand column, or see the Bible Scripture Lessons site map page. To find additional information about any book of the Bible, or any chapter contained in the Bible, just click on one of the links on the left hand side of any page.

May God continue to bless each of you!

### Centennial Quiz Answers

1. Who was the first African-American to sign a football scholarship with Texas Tech?
2. What former Dunbar High School football standout played for the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XX in 1986?

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# Obsequies



**Jossie Lee (Maden) Hopkins**

Jessie Lee (Maden) Hopkins, 77, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Covenant. She was born in Idalou on December 25, 1931 to Joe Levi Maden, Sr. and Nettie Lee Maden. Jessie graduated from Dunbar High School in 1949. She later moved to Kansas City, Mo. as a young adult, and years later she married Lee Ellis Hopkins, Jr. They were married 40 years before he preceded her in death. She moved back to Lubbock in 2002. She leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Lillie Mae Sneed, two aunts, Maggie Stiggers and Mary McCullough; one uncle, A. T. Guess (Ett); six nieces, seven nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Christ Temple COGIC.

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

## "Wheel Aerobics," the New Fitness Craze for the New Age

Jacksonville, FL (BlackNews.com) - New Year, New Hope! Jacksonville's own Fitness Guru, Terry Lewis has released his new workout system called "Wheel Aerobics." This system comes with a pair of Abdominal Training Wheels, an instructional DVD that will walk you through all 12 wheel aerobic exercise movements and an illustrative pamphlet.

Terry is no stranger to the fitness world. He is a certified personal trainer that has been training for over 20 years. Lewis began body building in the late 80's and early 90's. As a life time natural body builder and a member of the national physique committee, in 1992 Lewis became the heavy weight champion of Jacksonville body building contest.

Terry invented the "Wheel Aerobic" workout system in 2004. "Wheel Aerobics" was Terry's innovative response to the rigorous and often times difficult weight training of the body building industry. He found that most body builders focused on weight training for bigger and bulkier muscles during their preparation for contests, often time spending too much time on building muscle, and not enough time on cardio and endurance which is just as important. Without endurance and great cardio, it makes it even harder to pose during competition.

The "Wheel Aerobic" system was originally intended for ultimate definition of the abdominal muscles, however as Lewis continued his design concepts, he noticed that the "Wheel Aerobic" system presented a "total body" effect.

Thank God  
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Annie L. Walker,



Annie L. Walker, 79, of Lawton, Okla., formerly of Lubbock, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. this afternoon, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, in Lubbock, with burial at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Ms. Walker was born to Ms. Lillie M. Thomas and Jim Thomas on June 16, 1929. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital as a dietician until she retired. Upon retirement, she was given an award ceremony for faithful service.

Ms. Walker leaves to mourn her passing her husband, L.C. Walker, four sons, five daughters, and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Robles, four sons, Charlie Ray Green, Cruz Macellas, Jason Johnson, and Michael Robles; two daughters, Helen Stewart and Tanya Robles, all from Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, James Earl Jones of California, and two sisters, Helen Boone of Hale Center and Queen Ester Jones of California.

# Four Lubbockites killed in central Texas accident

By Adam Young | AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

Four Lubbock residents were killed in a car accident at 9:05 p.m. Friday about seven miles southeast of Winters in central Texas.

Dion Lamont Thompson, 35, his daughter, Keyonna Thompson, 4, his father George Willie Thompson, 57, and George's wife Patricia Ann Johnson, 47, were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident on State Highway 153, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Winters is about 175 miles southeast of Lubbock.

The four were traveling to Austin to visit family when their

eastbound 2000 Lincoln sedan collided head-on with a westbound 2004 Dodge pickup driven by David Anthony Hernandez, 28, of Bangs. His truck crossed into the Lincoln's lane while the vehicles were on a curve.

Hernandez was the only occupant of the pickup and was pronounced dead on the scene.

Both vehicles were completely burned to the point that authorities could not tell if the occupants of the vehicles were wearing seat belts.

The four left Lubbock for Austin at about 6 p.m. Friday to visit Dion Thompson's sister for

her birthday, said his girlfriend, Chantell Moore.

Moore, the mother of Keyonna Thompson, said Dion Thompson was a graduate of Estacado High School and was involved in almost every sport he could be in.

Moore described Dion Thompson as a "very friendly and outgoing person" who was a life-long resident of Lubbock. She said he worked on construction projects in the city.

The bodies of the four Lubbockites were sent to Abilene Saturday. Funeral arrangements are pending.

## "Thank You, Lubbock!"

The B.L.A.C.C.C. B.R.I.C.C.C. want to thank all the young people who were in attendance last Saturday afternoon, January 24, 2009, at the Dunbar Middle School. Your presence meant so much to this first Youth Summit.

Thanks to the Lubbock Independent Public Schools for working with us on this first

## Apollo Theatre

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radio show, "Amateur Nite Hour" at the Apollo Fitzgerald was among the first winners of the show, which allows young performers to test their talent, with a tough live audience booing bad acts off the stage.

effort. We will be looking forward for more programs as this one.

The coordinators of this

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions

## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**VERY GOOD MARTIN LUTHER CELEBRATION!** THIS N THAT ... was glad to see so much excitement and attendance for the ... **38TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION** ... which was held last week ... With a theme "Change: Past, Present & Future" ... it was great to see so many young people involved in the Youth Explosion at Alderson Middle School ... and the ... **SOLD OUT** ... eighth Annual MLK Banquet at the McMurtry Center at University Medical Center on Saturday evening ... The ... **CITY WIDE SERVICES** ... last Sunday evening at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ... was great and Mixed Choir really added to the program where three of our local pastors delivered dynamic messages ... Those pastors were ... **REV. LARRY BROOKS, REV. J. H. FORD & REV. JAMES MOORE** ... On the

last evening of the celebration ... where the first Annual Gospel Awards were held at Texas Tech University ... **REV. LARRY BROOKS** ... Was named ... "PASTOR OF THE YEAR!" ... **THIS N THAT** ... wants to thank the ... **LUBBOCK MLK COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE** ... for a job well done ... It was great to see the organization bring the City Wide Services back to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ... **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER HOLMES CALLS MEETING! THIS N THAT** ... received an announcement from ... **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VERNITA HOLMES** ... she will have a ... **TOWN HALL MEETING** ... on Thursday evening ... January 29, 2009 ... beginning at 6:30 p. m. She wants to communicate to the residents of ... **DISTRICT 2** ... on what's going on regarding schools in District 2 ... The meeting will

be held at Mae Simmons Community Center ... **CHANGE WILL COME! THIS N THAT** ... believes a ... **CHANGE WILL COME** ... to Lubbock only if we do our part ... **VERY GOOD START FOR ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N THAT** ... along with many other citizens ... was in attendance of an initiative for ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** ... last Monday evening at the Mae Simmons Community Center ... Some in attendance included the president of the LISD School Board ... **GORDON WILKERSON** ... **VERNITA HOLMES** ... **WAYNE HAVENS** ... and others ... This program was under the leadership of ... **DAVID VASQUEZ** ... principal of Estacado ... It is called ... **ESTACADO COMMUNITY COALITION** ... **THIS N THAT** ... says ... **CONGRATS** ... and continue in this posture!!



## THINK ABOUT IT!

### Don't Look Back!

by Eddie P. Richardson

2008 is now history, and all that we did not accomplish in 2008 is history. It cannot be reclaimed! It is gone and will never return. So forget it! It is gone forever, and will never return. So good bye 2008 and hello 2009! Forget New Years resolutions, most of them will not become a reality any way. So let's move on and make 2009 our best year ever, and accomplish our dreams. Let's take or make our personal creed! "If It Is To Be It Is Up To Me" and live by it, because a person can be or do any thing they want to be or do. That is, if they are willing to live it, work at it and pay the price with the key word being work. Following that theory and not giving up, nothing is impossible and every thing is possible if again you are willing to work at it and pay the price.

For our long denied, depressed, over looked, ignored, set aside and forgotten communities to become sustaining market places they should be the leadership and initiative must come from us within the com-

munity itself no one can do for us what we must be doing for ourselves. To long we have sat around waiting on someone else what we must be doing for ourselves. In fact, no one else is going to do for us what we must be doing for ourselves we can, we must, and we will take the lead in building and, in most cases, rebuilding our long denied communities from within the communities by us for us.

In order for our goods and services to be accepted and demanded at the market place, they must be competitive and be up to standard or above to truly competitive. We must forget because I'm Black the economy is to fight to play or practice racial games. But on the other hand, race must not be a reason not to use each others goods and services. We must learn to do what a lot of other groups do, buy, sell or trade with each other when at all possible, but the goods and services must be competitive the times are too

tough, the stakes are to high to not be competitive.

For a dollar to turn over 4-7 times in a community is average to good, but in our community the dollar does not turn around at all, just a small fraction of a turn and it's gone across town and that keeps our economy depressed we must educate our dollars to go where they are respected, wanted, and appreciated no matter who are providing the goods and services. If they support our community, Black, White or others. We must support them, but on the other hand, Black, White or other wise if they do not support our community. We must train our dollars to by pass them! We must start to train our dollars to learn how to turn over in our communities.

**Closing thought of the Week:** "We must learn to love, trust, and respect each other to build and rebuild long denied communities"

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

The inauguration of Barack H. Obama is over and some of the celebrating has ceased. As his first acts as President, he quickly reversed some of George W. Bush's orders with his own Executive Orders, one of the first, by ordering the closure of the Guantanamo Bay torture prison. He apparently believes, as does many Americans that inhumane torture is not acceptable.

It appears that Mr. Obama is attempting to try to live up to some of his campaign promises. We all know that he cannot correct overnight what has been wrong for many years. He is the first man of color to become President, but that will not be enough for him to right all of the wrongs of the American society. His election alone speaks to the fact that there are some people in this world who are not race conscious and look and work toward a state of harmony among races and ethnic groups in this country.

The campaign and election of Barack Obama has had a world following from its outset. Countries around the world had supporters who made a video of their feelings on bridges, called "Bridges of Obama." It gives us the feeling that Obama will and

can bridge the racial, political, social and world divides that exist. The same fervor of the campaign translated into the election and now into the inauguration. Countries around the world celebrated as Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States. The world sees hope in the presidency of Barack Obama.

Only since the advent of Jesus Christ has the hope of Obama had such a worldwide impact. His following is worldwide, but we must remember that he is a man, not a saint or a god. And though there are parallels, such as "no room in the inn," when he wanted to enroll his children in Washington, D. C. schools on time, attempts to

deny that he is who he is, attempts to place his birth in a foreign country to deny his access to the presidency; attempts on his life by radicals who do not want peace in this country or the world and feel that he is not worthy of the position because of his color.

Racism in America still lives and there are many strongholds that pursue those ends unto death. There are also organizations in America that are determined to eradicate such groups and it behooves us all, who want peace and prosperity, to get 'in cinque' and seek out the groups that would help to make America stronger and less racist; they need our support, words, deeds and money.

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"Given difficult economic times, all sectors of the media outlets across the country are struggling to survive," said Susan Peterson, director of Department of Student Media.

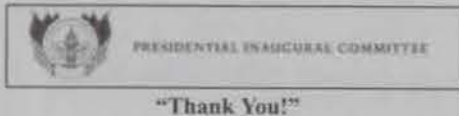
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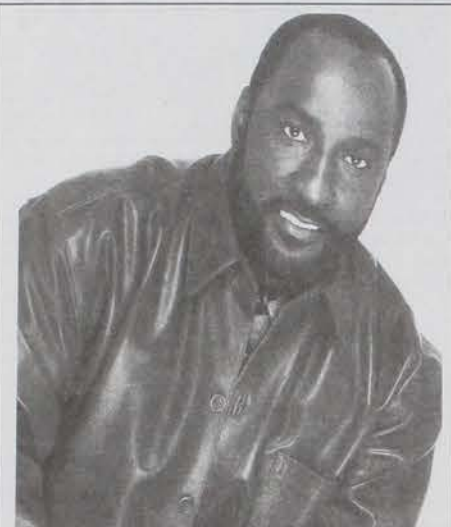
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### Job-Killing Recession Racks Up More Layoff Victims!

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The recession is killing jobs at an alarming pace, with tens of thousands of new layoffs announced Monday by some of the biggest names in American business - Pfizer, Caterpillar and Home Depot.

More pink slips, pay freezes and other hits are expected to slam workers in the months ahead as companies desperately look for ways to survive.

"We're just seeing the tip of the iceberg - the big firms," said Rebecca Braeu, economist at John Hancock Financial Services. "There's certainly other firms beneath them that will lay off workers as quickly or even quicker."

Looking ahead, economists predicted a net loss of at least 2 million jobs - possibly more - this year even if President Barack Obama's \$825 billion package of increased govern-

ment spending and tax cuts is enacted. Last year, the economy lost a net 2.6 million jobs, the most since 1945, though the labor force has grown significantly since then.

The unemployment rate, now at a 16-year high of 7.2 percent, could hit 10 percent or higher later this year or early next year, under some analysts' projections.

Obama called on Congress Monday to speedily enact his recovery plan, warning that the nation can't afford "distractions" or "delays."

With the recession expected to drag on through much of this year, more damage will be inflicted on both companies and workers.

The mounting toll was visible Monday as roughly 40,000 more U.S. workers got the grim news.

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., which is buying rival drug-maker Wyeth in a \$68 billion

deal, and Sprint Nextel Corp., the country's third-largest wireless provider, said they each will slash 8,000 jobs.

Home Depot Inc., the biggest home improvement retailer in the U.S., will get rid of 7,000 jobs, and General Motors Corp. said it will cut 2,000 jobs at plants in Michigan and Ohio because of slow sales.

"We are seeing no improvement in labor market conditions," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets Economics. "This year could be as bad as last year in terms of layoffs."

In response to deteriorating business conditions, Caterpillar Inc., the world's largest maker of mining and construction equipment, disclosed nearly 20,000 job cuts, most of which already have been made. They include 5,000 new layoffs of white collar workers, which will occur globally by the end of March.

Earlier actions included the

elimination of 2,500 Caterpillar workers through a buyout offer announced in December, the termination of about 8,000 contract and temp agency workers, and the reduction of 4,000 full-time factory workers through firings and buyouts.

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**Centennial Quiz Answers**  
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1. **Danny Hardaway** signed with Tech in February 1967 and lettered for the Red Raiders in 1969 and 1970 as a running back and receiver.

2. **Dennis Gentry** was a running back and special teams player for the Bears for several years.

**Parson Smith**

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fences. But he also has to remember to run the bases. George Bush swung for some fences, but he often failed at the most basic element of leadership-competent management and follow-through.

President Obama will have to decide just how many fences he can swing for at one time: grand bargains on entitlement and immigration reform? A national health care system? A new clean-energy infrastructure? The nationalization and repair of our banking system? Will it be all or one? Some now and some later? It is too soon to say.

But I do know this: while a crisis is a terrible thing to waste, so too is a great politician, with a natural gift for oratory, a rare knack for bringing people together, and a nation, particularly its youth, ready to be summoned and to serve.

So, in sum, while it is impossible to exaggerate what a radical departure it is from our past that we have inaugurated a black man as president, it is equally impossible to exaggerate how much our future depends on a radical departure from our president. As Obama himself declared from the Capitol steps: "Our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions—that time has surely passed."

This writer places his vote in the positive column for this form of radicalism.

**With no job and 5 kids, 'better to end our lives,' man wrote**



**LOS ANGELES, California (CNN)** — It was described as one of the most grisly scenes Los Angeles police had ever encountered: the bodies of five small children and their parents, all shot to death, in two upstairs rooms of the family's home.

The reaction on their faces was not a pretty sight, "neighbor Jasmine Gomez told CNN. "There was an officer who came out of the house throwing up."

But even more incomprehensible to some was the story that emerged after the bodies were found Tuesday: A father who, after he and his wife were fired from their jobs, killed all six family members before turning the gun on himself.

In a letter faxed to Los Angeles television station KABC before his suicide, Ervin Antonio Lupoe blamed his former employer for the deaths, detailing his grievance against Kaiser Permanente's West Los Angeles Medical Center, where he and his wife Ana had worked as technicians.

Lupoe claimed the couple was being investigated for "misrepresentation of our employment to an outside agency for the benefit to ourselves' [sic], childcare." He said the initial interview was held on

December 19, and when he reported for work on December 23, "I was told by my administrator ... that 'You should not even have bothered to come to work today. You should have blown your brains out.'"

"Oh lord, my God," the letter concludes. "Is there no hope for a widow's son?"

Kaiser Permanente said in a statement Tuesday night that while the company is "saddened by the despair in Mr. Lupoe's letter faxed to the media ... we are confident that no one told him to take his own life or the lives of his family."

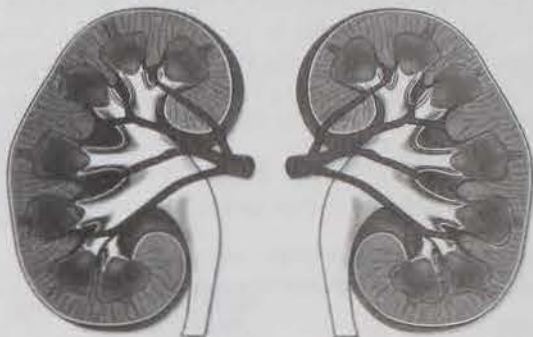
The Lupoes' employment was terminated over a week ago "after an internal investigation," the company said.

"While we may never fully understand why today's senseless deaths occurred, everyone who worked with the Lupoes is shocked and terribly saddened by the tragedy," said the statement. "It never should have happened."

Lupoe wrote in the fax, "after a horrendous ordeal my wife felt it better to end our lives and why leave our children in someone else's hands ... we have no job and 5 children under 8 years with no place to go. So here we are."



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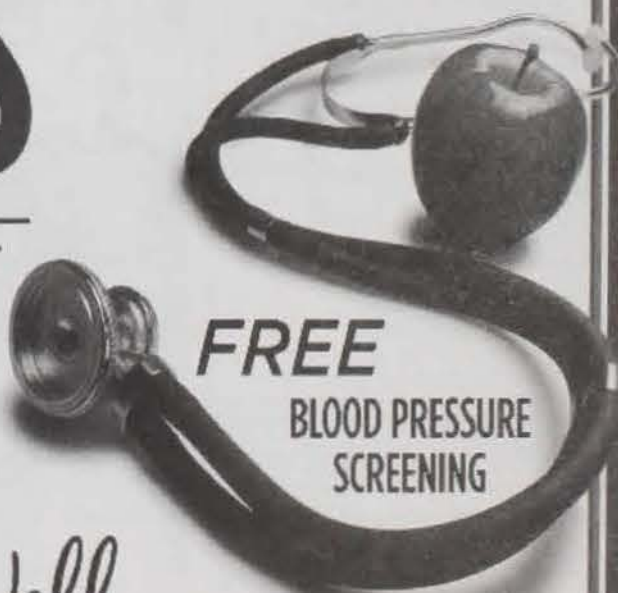
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