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### Official Portrait Of New President Barack Obama Sworn In Tuesday

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Barack Obama is delivering a sobering assessment of where America stands and a hopeful vision of what it can become as he gives his inaugural address as the nation's 44th president.

The challenges we face are real... But know this, America — they will be met," Obama told hundreds of thousands of people gathered on the National Mall in front of the Capitol.



President Barack Obama

A deafening roar erupted among the crowd of hundreds of thousands as Obama completed his oath of office.

Wearing a navy suit and red tie, Obama was sworn in using the same Bible that was used in President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration.

Saddleback Church founder Rick Warren delivered the invocation, calling for the nation to put its differences aside, and applauding what he called "a hinge-point in history." Watch Obama's grand entrance »

"We know today that [the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.] and a great cloud of witnesses are shouting in heaven," he said in his prayer.

Aretha Franklin sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" before Joe Biden was sworn in as vice president.

Hundreds of thousands of people were on the National Mall — dancing, singing and vigorously shaking flags — in anticipation of Tuesday's swearing-in.

"This is America happening," said Evadey Minott of Brooklyn, New York. "It was prophesized by King that we would have a day when everyone would come together. This is that day. I am excited, I am joyful. It brings tears to my eyes."

Minott was at Lafayette Square near the White House, where Obama and his wife, Michelle, had coffee with President Bush and first lady Laura Bush before heading to Capitol Hill.

Obama arrived at the Capitol, and cheers erupted as his image appeared on large television screens lined up on the Mall.

The Obamas attended a prayer service earlier at St. John's Episcopal Church to kick off the day of events surround-

ing Obama's inauguration. Watch the Bushes greet the Obamas.

As many as 2 million people are expected to crowd into the area between the Capitol, the White House and the Lincoln Memorial as Obama takes the oath of office at noon ET.

Gerrard Coles of Norwalk, Connecticut, had staked out a position in front of St. John's.

"Everyone's down here — hopefully to catch a glimpse of Barack, just for a split second," he said. "I think this was a beautiful thing. It's something I always wanted to do. It's not every day that you get to be a part of history. Rather than just

watch it on TV, you actually get to partake in it and you have a story to tell your kids."

Nine-year-old Laura Bruggeman also hoped to catch a glimpse of the soon-to-be president. She waited with her mother, Wendy, and father, Jeff, of Bethesda, Maryland, amid an affable crowd that tried to let shorter onlookers and children to the front for better views.

"I want to see Obama. I think that would be really cool. I could tell all of my friends that I got to see him," the youngster said.

Some spectators will be more than a mile from the swearing-in ceremony, watching on giant

TV screens erected along the National Mall.

The historic event has drawn myriad celebrities and politicians, including actors Dustin Hoffman and Denzel Washington, director Steven Spielberg and former vice-presidents Dan Quayle, Al Gore and Walter Mondale.

Former Presidents Clinton, Carter and George H.W. Bush also were in attendance. Clinton and Bush shared an embrace.

Oprah Winfrey and actor Samuel L. Jackson sat on the same row. Winfrey hugged

### 'I Have a Dream' — 45 Years Later!

Barack Obama is accepting the Democratic nomination for president on the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech."

In the lead-up to Mr. Obama's speech, Congressman John Lewis, Democrat of Georgia, noted the anniversary and declared:

"I was there that day when Dr. King delivered his historic speech before an audience of more than 250,000. I am the last remaining speaker from the March on Washington, and I was there when Dr. King urged this nation to lay down the burden of discrimination and segregation and move toward the creation of a more perfect union.

"Tonight," Mr. Lewis said, "we have gathered here in this magnificent stadium in Denver because we still have a dream."

Dr. King's daughter, Bernice King declared that Senator Obama's nomination is part of her father's dream: "the acceptance of a Democratic presidential nominee, decided not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character."

Senate hopeful Caroline Kennedy and later said of the inauguration, "It's behind the dream. We're just here feeling it with the throngs of people. It's amazing grace personified."

Thousands arrived before daylight Tuesday in standing-room-only trains. They carried blankets and wore Obama scarves to ward off the wind chills of minus 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Suburban Washington train stations were jammed. A four-story parking deck at the Springfield, Virginia, station was filled at 5 a.m. Trains rolling into the stop about 15 miles south of the Capitol had no room for the hundreds on the platform.

The Metro rail system's Red Line was shut down about 9 a.m. after a pedestrian was hit by a train, further straining the already overloaded train service, fire officials said.

On Monday night, visitors wandered around the Mall, snapping pictures and shooting video of the Capitol and monuments.

### "Our Children Are Worth Our Concerns!"

The B.L.A.C.C.C.C. - B.R.I.C.C.C., Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Covenants & Creeds. Boldly Realistically, Intellegently, Consciously, Concern & Committed, will sponsor a Youth Summit at the Dunbar Middle School on Saturday, January 24, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

"We give special invitation to as many as will be in attendance of this exciting event," said Donnell Hooper, chairman of this event.

"This program is designed to present our children as the best reason for us to be their best models of overcoming the bias segregated influences of the history of our schools, communities, state, and country," said Mr. Hooper.

"The children, parents, educators, and ministers who are participating in this great event are all examples and models of excellence in the department of proof that our diversities are our strengths to live life as God has design the human being the



Donnell Hooper  
human being to live in harmony, not in chaos," continued Mr. Hooper.

Hillary Hutchinson, who is



Hillary Hutchinson  
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### Community Meetings

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

African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 M.L.K. Blvd., 806-791-1815

Lubbock Area Chorus meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Parkway Branch Library

High City Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

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

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 2:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center

Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St

West Texas Native American Association 1st Luck 50ppr meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

Texas Juvenile Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets in Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Olvera Library, 5520 19th Street, 2:30 pm

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center

The Parkway & Unity-Park Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Unity Elementary

Chuman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Rex Elementary Cultural

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### The Psychological Impact of President Barack Obama's Move to the White House

by Dr. Gloria Morrow

On January 20, 2009, President Elect Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States of America. The political impact of this historic event has been thoroughly discussed and digested by the media, political analysts and people all over the world, resulting in Obama winning the confidence of the American people on election night. However, little has been discussed about the psychological impact of such an unprecedented and miraculous occurrence, the election of the first African American U.S. president.

All along the campaign trail before and after the Democratic National Convention as well as the actual election night, snapshots depicting the excitement of people from diverse backgrounds spoke volumes about the psychological impact of



Dr. Gloria Morrow

Obama's journey to the White House. There was an overwhelming flavor of hope and empowerment throughout local communities and the world because of the promise of change. President Obama ignited the fire for action as he began

a movement of change.

In the midst of an economic downturn, a failed housing market, and the collapse of the stock market, the Obama campaign kept change as their victory song, and no matter where it was sung, people began to sing it, believe it, and eventually promote and share it with others. A psychological shift happened in the thinking of the people. It was apparent that they began to believe in something greater than their current circumstances. They became motivated almost instantly on Keeping Hope Alive, a concept coined by the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Hope is critical for the development of good psychological health and overall wellbeing. Without it, people do not have the necessary motivation to

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Chords will have its monthly session on Sunday afternoon, January 25, 2009, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where Rev. Sonja J. Scott is host pastor. The program will begin at 2:30 p. m.

Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Chords.

The 2009 Women's Conference will be held February 20 thru 21, 2009 at the Embassy Suites, S. Loop 289, beginning at 5:00 p. m. on

Friday.

This conference will be sponsored by the New Hope Baptist Church, Praise Team and Women's Missionary Society.

For more information about the conference, call Sister Winnie Jackson at 793-3896 after 6:00 p. m. or Sister LaVerne Williams at 744-3352, between 4:30 p. m. until 7:00 p. m.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens.

Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, delivered a dynamic sermon last Sunday morning. His subject was "Don't Let Unbeliever Rob You Of A Great Opportunity. His scripture text was Romans 4:17-21.

Our prayers go out to our new President of the United States of America, President Barack Obama

### Our Children Are Worth Our Concerns

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working with this program, says "We believe the strongest trinity for the human being on this earth are: The institution of family, the institution of faith, and the institution of education"

"This program is being presented in this manner to bring together what we believe are the best products on the shelves of this market," said Mr. Hutchinson.

"People are making good faith efforts and working together in good faith, nurtures a healthy progressive balance in these three profound institutions of civilized citizenship," said Mr. Hooper.

"The renewing of our minds will increase civil harmony in all of our lives. In good faith, we think and work inclusive and not exclusive. We champion Dr. Martin Luther King's inspired words," concluded Mr. Hutchinson.

"It will be a great day!!

### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 18, 2009, services got underway with a lot of excitement at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church school started at 9:45a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "Leadership Requires Resources."

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched into choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith". Rev. Lee read the responsive reading which came from Psalm 136:1-16. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "He's Sweet I Know."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and acknowledged the birthdays for the week. She also told of all the up coming events that will be taking place. There was the

pastoral period that was held and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Old Time Religion" and Sister Jackson sang "Precious Lord." Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "What Will It Be Your Possession Or The Possessor?" After the sermon the congregation sang "I'll Fly Away". The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several who came for prayer. All visitors who were in attendance were acknowledged.

Pray all is well with those on our prayer list. A special prayer for all those who have recently lost a love one. Pray for those who are not able to get up and move around like some of us

**Scripture For Week:** Now praise the Lord all you servants of the Lord who stand in the lord's house at night. Lift up your hands in the holy place and praise the Lord. May the lord make of heaven and earth bless you from zion.

Psalm 134:1-3

### 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 begin 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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### FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### FASHION NO NO

Society is quite liberal, you can almost get away with anything, when it comes to fashion. We are now living in a fashion industry where anything and everything goes. Yet there still remain a few no no fashion

- items.
- Black suit- navy pantyhose... no no
- Knee hi hosiery- worn as pantyhose... no no
- Black shoes- white socks... no no
- Extremely tight- fitting garments... no no
- Halter tops- with bra straps showing... no no
- Remember ladies hats are among a few fashionable items that remain seasonal. You will always have spring- summer



hats and fall- winter hats. It's great to know what's fashionably correct.

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**Program Location:** Alderson Middle School Auditorium  
219 Walnut Avenue

**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2009  
**Time:** 2:00PM

**Reception Location:** Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library  
Mildred Deo Community Room  
1836 Parkway Drive





# Church News



## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"A New Day For An Oppressed People"

Lubbock-Avalanche Journal dated Monday, January 19, 2009 article under the heading "Leaders" shared thoughts of a new day from T. J. Patterson, David Sowell, Billie Russell, Eddie Richardson and Donnell Hooper. These African Americans shared their own view of how President Obama's inauguration was a blessing for the whole of America. Donnell Hooper said, "This day (MLK HOLIDAY) celebrates an extension of his (MLK) dream. I believe this Monday, this Tuesday, it's divine. How else could it happen like that?"

I contacted my boyhood friend Melvin Owens in Tyler, Texas and asked him what the mood of African Americans in particular were in East Texas as it related to Barack Obama becoming president of the United States. After a deep conversation and scanning the past and related it to the present Melvin referred me to a November 12, 2008 article in the Bullard Banner News.

I would like to share this article by Jim Epperson with those in Lubbock and the Lubbock area that may have grown up in the area or familiar with the area may share the enthusiasms.

"African Americans moved by first black president." Many African Americans began to believe a new era reached the shores of America, as tears

rolled down their faces when Barack Obama became the first African American elected as president.

This new era was pushed into the forefront of American culture when Barack Obama won a commanding lead against presidential hopeful John McCain last week. And it is known without saying that African Americans have been a repressed people clawing inches at a time for equality and freedom.

"The color folks had it bad," said Annie A. Smith, who is 100 years old and grew up on the Bullard area. "We had to eat outside. We had to go to the back of white people's houses because we couldn't go in the front." Think for a moment about what an Obama win means to her. She lets out a sigh, as if she were relieving a century old tension. "It makes me feel pretty good. He can do something for the world."

Pearline Williams, who is 102 years old and lives just outside of Bullard, said she remembered when there were food rations during WWI and WWII. Pearline remembers seeing her first airplane. She thought it was a buzzard. She thought the first car she saw was a buggy with no horses. She has seen 18 presidents and lived through the Great Depression.

Williams lived in a time

when she didn't have a school to go to because she was black. She started work when she was eight years old on the family farm. But she had never seen a president who is not white. And now, after America's 221 year history, the white ceiling to the highest land in office has been shattered. "That was history and I wanted to see it," William said. "I've seen a good many of presidents come and go."

For 90-year-old Vennie Jackson (this writer's high school English teacher) who grew up in Bullard, she was growing up in Bullard when blacks were not allowed to go in many places, like cafe's, hotels and restaurants. If blacks were there, Jackson said they were working on jobs no one else wanted. "They were workers sweeping the floors and new they are the employees at the desk," she said. "That's a long way from a cotton chopper to the presidency." But what is most telling to Jackson is that race is not an issue for the majority of Americans when selecting a president. "American is in a new era when race is not an issue to younger Americans...People are people. Americans are Americans, regardless of nationality, religion or origin."

And Bobbie Bowie, 76, of Bullard, said an Obama election

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## We Thank God for Jesus

"God Asks, America, Can You Hear Me Now?"

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

**Matthew 13:13-14a** - Jesus said, I speak to them in parables, because they see and do not see, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

When God Blessed America with her **RICHES: LAND, WHEAT, GRAIN, COTTON OIL, AND JOBS**. She then begin to **FORGET THE LORD** and her heart begin to get **HARD!!!**

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** - The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory, glory in this, that he understands and know me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, said the Lord.

**THE DEVIL DIDN'T WANT GOD IN HOMES, CHURCHES, COURTHOUSES; NOR SCHOOLS!!!** America kicked God out of many places, and I ask, who's **THE FOOL???**

**Romans 1:18, 21-22** - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness (the Churches). Because that, when they knew God, they (the Churches),

Because that when they knew God, they (the Churches) glorified him not as God neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves (the Churches) to be wise, they became fools.

Now that everyone in America has their **RICHES, FROM THEIR GOOD JOBS**. They think they're on **CLOUD NINE, AND DON'T NEED THE LORD!!!**

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

**\*\*\*\* YES, THE CHURCHES DID ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\*** America got high minded when she went to the **MOON**, and had riches in her **HEART**. She said, we have **ALL WE NEED: DON'T NEED GOD!!!**

**\*\*\*\* IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!! \*\*\*\***

**Revelations 2:4-5** - Jesus said nevertheless, I have something against you, because you have left your first love. Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen and repent. Do the first works or else I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.

Lord knows he got America's attention. He gave her over to the **DEVIL ON 911 DAY!** He let the Devil drop two her best Towers: **RIGHT IN AMERICA'S FACE!!!**

**Revelation 18:18-19** - When they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city? And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, where in were made rich all that had sips in these by of her costliness! For in one hour is she made desolate.

**ON THE 911 DAY**, America did **RETURN TO THE LORD, BUT ONLY FOR A LITTLE TIME!** But then she went back to her old game: **NO JESUS ON HER MIND!**

**Matthew 22:37** - Jesus said, you shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

**\*\*\*\* CAN GOD GET AMERICA TO PRAY??? YES, HE CAN!!! \*\*\*\***

**BUT AMERICA ONLY TRUST IN HERSELF; HER RICHES, AND HER MANY GOLD GODS. SHE TRUST IN THE STOCK MARKET, LAND MARKET, CAR MARKET. THEY'RE HER GOD!!!**

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, January 18, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "Leadership Requires Resources." The scripture text was Joshua 3:1-13.

The morning lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "And the Lord said unto Joshua, this day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Sister Barbara Johnson and Sister Annie Onasanya in

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

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was: "Faithless Preserve Generations, I Carry It To Jesus!" His scripture text was 17:14-19. It was a very inspirational sermon.

Our weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening,

Mission Ladies: 5:00 p. m. and Bible Study, 6:00 p. m.; Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m. Ushers will meet on Saturday mornings, beginning at 11:00 a. m.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of the church and Lubbock community. God is still in control, regardless of the circumstances.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested

in this opportunity, please call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

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"Was it for crimes that I have done,  
He crowned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love and beyond degree."  
**\*\*\***

**Thought For The Week:**  
"There's no excuse for excusing sin."  
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If you are looking for a

Church Home, then do come by and visit with the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open. We will welcome you with open arms.

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## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### "NEWS ALERT!!!"

In the 10th chapter of St. John, Jesus said the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. We know the thief to whom he is referring to is Satan. Since Satan is a thief by nature, he steals. That is the nature of a thief. Jesus says that Satan is a thief so it shouldn't be uncommon for him to go around trying to steal things.

Nor should it be surprising to us that he does. He is after something. The Bible says he is after the work in our hearts. St. Mark 4:15 - "He's after our joy, your power, your peace, your courage, your faith, and your comfort. Not only that, he is after your goods."

One way Satan discourages many of God's people is through affliction and persecution. If that doesn't work, he attacks your materials and physical possessions. He will attack your finances and your physical body. We need to realize something about healing, because they see healing as something to be attained, something out there somewhere. As for as God is concerned, we already have healing. It was given to us through the work of the Cross.

Divine health is something we already possess. When symptoms come and they will, it is nothing more than the thief trying to steal the health which is already ours. We eat the world's diet, and they cause many problems as we all can see. Divine health is not something we're trying to get from God. It is something the devil is trying to take away from us.

Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24. The minute he attacks, immediately begin to confess God's word that healed by the stripes of Jesus. Rebuke Satan, and refuse his lying symptoms.

This is not trying to get something we already have. Healing through the word. If you think the Old Testament is ineffective, when it reads, He was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace, and with his stripes, we are healed. Also written in the New Testament, who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the Cross that we begin dead to sin should live unto righteousness by who's stripes were healed.

Let us not major on the devil or demons. Let's major on the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus. You will prosper as your soul prospers. This does not mean all money.

Precious People, let's live unto righteousness. Having problems??? God is bigger than any problem you have. Trust Him. He will see you through with victory. He is a healer. Bless His name.

As members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast, you are invited to come and be blessed.

### A FATHER'S PRAYER

Again, Scripture doesn't describe her attitude toward what she has been told, but she goes to her husband and tells him the story. It is revealing that Manohah prays almost immediately. He appeals to the Lord,

asking for two things: one, that he might see the angel himself, and two, for instruction on how to raise the child.

Does Manohah ask for such verification because he doesn't believe his wife? Or does he just want to see for himself, like Thomas when he asks to see the risen Lord after his resurrection? (see John 20). Whatever the case, Manohah is driven to his knees and prays with hope and

expectation.

God hears Manohah and sends the angel again, but to his wife rather than him. She runs to Manohah, who is in the field, and informs him of the angel's second appearance. In a great understatement, Scripture says he "got up" and followed his wife to the angel!

Manohah asks the angel if he is the same one who came previously, and then he asks questions about the boy's life and work. These are questions most

any dad would want to know, and are especially appropriate considering the circumstances.

### FAITH LIVED OUT

The occupation has lasted 40 years. Work, school, church, and family have all been tested for a long time. In the midst of this, one family is prepared for God's blessing. Because of their willingness to live by faith, God blesses this couple with a son, and the son will provide deliverance for the people. And it

begins with just these two, in this small town.

It seems Satan has always been part of culture. Sometimes it is difficult to live out faith in such circumstances. Ordinary people can begin to wonder and waver.

Let us pray for President Barack Obama.

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

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# Obsequies

## Vivian Peoples

**Slaton** — Funeral services for Vivian Peoples were held Wednesday morning, January 21, 2009 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

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

Peoples, 69, of Lubbock went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, January 15, 2009. Vivian was born on July 24, 1939 to Jay Alford White, Sr. and Willie Mae White Carothers. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jay Alford White, Jr.

Vivian and her husband, Rev. C. C. Peoples, served as Pastor and wife at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton for the past 38 and one half years.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Rev. C. C. Peoples; two daughters,



Minister Equilla Morgan (Dwain) and Stephanie Peoples; two sons, Michael Peoples, Sr. (Alice) and Clifton Peoples, Jr. (Karen); one granddaughter, Vivian Je'nell Tyson; four grandsons, Darnell Newman, Cory Brown, Michael Peoples, Jr., and Bryant Peoples; four great-grandchildren, all of Lubbock; one sister, Carolyn Thornton of Arlington; nephew, Jay Loyd of Austin, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Grace Evelyn Scott

**Slaton** — Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton.

Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of Griffin Mortuary, & funeral Home of Lubbock.

Scott, 70, of Slaton passed away at her residence. A devoted disciple, grandmother, mother, and friend, she was reborn on January, 15, 2009.

She was born on May 1, 1938 in Cameron to Hulen and Vernice Hoyle. Grace attended high school in Post and later attended Prairie View A&M. As a devoted member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, she held many positions including Church Secretary, President of the Jimmie Johnson Circle, faithful choir member, and Mother of the Church. She served our community by providing educational services by becoming a teacher for the Headstart program for 21 years.

Grace is survived by her husband of 48 years, William A. Scott; five children, Shawn A. Scott of Midland, Dana K. Scott of Odessa, Kimberly Gordon and LaDonna Scott, both of Lubbock; and Shannon T. Scott



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## Bishop Watson Appointed To State Commission

Bishop H. Watson has been appointed to a four-year term on the state's Juneteenth Commission.

Gov. Rick Perry announced recently the appointment of Bishop Watson to the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission.

He is the pastor and bishop of the Church of God in Christ and pastor of Agape Temple Church of God in Christ. He also serves as vice chairman of the Board of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ, and Northwest Texas Jurisdictional Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. of Texas.

His term will expire in 2013.

## School Board Member Vernita Holmes Calls Town Hall Meeting

Veteran School Board Member Vernita Holmes, who represents District 2, is calling a Town Hall meeting on Thursday evening, January 29, 2009, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, to discuss the important issues affecting our schools in District 2.

"I want to hear from the residents of District 2 who have concerns about what is happening in the Lubbock Public Schools," says Ms. Holmes.

"With the search for a new superintendent, questions could be addressed this effort," continued Ms. Holmes.

At-large school board members, Gordon Wilkerson, president, and Steve Massengale, are invited to attend.

"We are looking for an exciting meeting," said Ms. Holmes.

# Lubbock Public Library Events

**Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library**

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 24 to discuss *Redemption* by Jacquelin Thomas. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

**Teen Book Group at the Godeke Branch Library**

The Godeke Branch Library's teen book group "A Novel Idea" will meet at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 26. This month, we will be discussing "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer while enjoying pizza. Registration is required for this program—call the library at 792-6566.

**"Twilight Thursday" at Groves Branch Library**

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to a meeting of our Twilight book group on Thursday, January 29 at 4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the second book in the Twilight series, "New Moon" by Stephenie Meyer. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3733.

**Teen Program at the Patterson Branch Library**

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites all teens to the library for an afternoon of Wii Sports on Thursday, January 29 at 4 p.m. Call 767-3300 for more information.

## The Psychological Impact of President Barack Obama Move To White House

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to fight to overcome the inevitable stressors and disappointments of life. Without hope, our communities sit in a sea of despair, and the best and brightest minds sometimes drown and take others with them. When feelings of hopelessness persist, people are much more vulnerable to the deleterious effects of depression and anxiety.

Not only does President Elect Obama's presidency promote a sense of hope and empowerment, it also has the potential to raise the level of self esteem and self concept for the young and the old. Countless reports in the media, especially CNN have captured the essence of pride that has been exuded by school age children, adolescents, young adults, middle age adults, and our elders from all walks of life. When Black folk see a Black family residing in the house where Blacks traditionally visited or relegated to a role of serving, it does something to one's psyche. It changes a mindset that once believed. Only White men can lead our country, therefore, white must be better. The root cause of inferiority for Blacks stems from the legacy of slavery. Even though slavery was officially abolished, its psychological impact continues to enslave Black people today, especially when we constantly compare ourselves to the dominant culture and fail to see ourselves represented in positions of power. Furthermore, increasing self-esteem and self-concept are critical for our communities because when we feel better about ourselves, we will feel better about others.

We can't leave out the articulate and gifted Michelle Obama who is a force to be reckoned with in her own right. In the culture of women and girls, Mrs. Obama is a serious role model along with the couples' two daughters who will bring life and culture to the White House.

It is probably too early to tell the long range psychological impact of President Elect Obama's move to the White House. But as he takes the oath to serve Americans which represent diversity at its finest, he will represent a little of all of us. His commitment to the spirit of community and collaboration that we have already witnessed has the potential to help us to heal from the negative impact of racism and discrimination that has been our most debilitating and serious disease along with its counterpart poverty. As people from diverse communities sit around the table together, there is a greater likelihood that

the awareness of self and others, the commitment to eliminate the barriers that separate us, and an appreciation and celebration of our differences will occur.

Everyone, however, is still not in a good mental place. In fact, some Americans are blinded by the lethal effects of hate and fear, and because of the color of Obama's skin, these folk may be unable to see and embrace the positive impact of his leadership. Others are fearful that harm will come to this dynamic yet approachable leader causing people to become paranoid and anxious. Some may not think he can truly relate to the civil rights struggle, which may increase feelings of doubt and worry that may be heightened by the ongoing civil rights struggle that is at risk of being forgotten. Therefore, these issues may encourage a sense of hopelessness, resulting in increased psychological distress and ultimately impairment which would be unfortunate.

At this very moment the Inauguration Committee is making the final plans for the Inauguration events where President Elect Barack Obama will be sworn in as the 44th President of the United States. History is in the making as the Obama family prepares to move into the White House. I wish I could be a fly on the wall to experience what it is like for this extraordinary family to stand on the steps that were built by

slaves. I imagine they can still hear the sounds of the songs that sustained our ancestors as they dreamed of a day when they would be free. I believe they will think about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and other Civil Rights leaders those gone and still alive, because I think this family knows that without them, this day may have come a little later in history. Perhaps they will talk to one another about their understanding of how difficult it is for people to remain hopeful when everything looks so bleak because of current conditions giving rise to their determination to work even harder to change the economic forecast.

But what about those of us who are outside the White House? How do we remain hopeful, when the potential to return to a place of despair and hopelessness is more familiar? Surely we cannot expect that President Elect Obama holds the key to our entire survival. There are, however, some things you and I can do to remain hopeful about a brighter future and the power of change.

1. Rely on your spiritual source for guidance and for developing a greater sense of peace and wellbeing.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions

## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

IT WAS A VERY HISTORICAL DAY!!! THIS N THAT ... as well as millions of people in the United States of America and around the world ... witnessed the inauguration of the first Black President in the history of America ... BARACK OBAMA ... was sworn in at 12:05 p.m. ... In Washington, D.C. ... It was moment in history ... that will never be forgotten as this man ... believed by many in the ... BLACK COMMUNITY ... was God sent ... Early Tuesday morning ... January 20, 2009 ... THIS N THAT ... received a telephone call from a local dentist and Sunday School teacher at Bethel African Methodist Church ... DR. HEENAN JOHNSON, III ... who brought some very interesting information about this historical day ... He said that ... comparing the Children of Israel ... who roamed for forty years ... and led by Moses ... who couldn't get to the Promise Land with them ... They had

been freed from slavery ... and crossed over the Jordan River ... On the other hand ... it was ... 40 years when ... DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ... was murdered in Memphis, Tennessee ... on April 4, 1968 ... He began as a young man at age 26 ... when he began to fight for the rights of all people of these United States of America ... and ... it was in 1963 ... The March on Washington ... when he gave the well known speech ... "I HAVE A DREAM" ... which was 45 years ago ... Then 40 years later ... a young man ... named ... BARACK OBAMA ... ran for President of the United States of America ... Just think ... the Blacks of America ... had similar experiences as the Children of Israel ... Blacks in America were in bondage ... and were led by Dr. King ... who did what God had for him to do ... Then along comes ... PRESIDENT OBAMA ... who is also God sent ... to move a

people further down the road ... THIS N THAT ... really appreciated that call from ... DR. JOHNSON ... as it was on time and very relevant today! ... THANKS, DR. JOHNSON!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "AS A BLACK PEOPLE ... We have much to be ... THANKFUL ... for as we have just witnessed ... HISTORY ... In the inauguration of a Black President of the United States of America."

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 ... MORE NEXT WEEK!!



## THINK ABOUT IT!

"The True Creed Of America"

by Eddie P. Richardson

"America, land of the brave, home of the free, my country tears of the sweet land of liberty of thee I sing. America the beautiful, land of my pilgrim pride. God shed his grace on thee."

These words have always sounded patriotic, love and respect for America, but when one takes the time to observe what is happening during this time in history, it is easy to see the divine intervention in the time and spirit of the world.

This writer has aid many times over the years, America is not truly America until America is truly America for all Americans. This election proved for all Americans when we as Americans go from slavery to the President of the United States of America.

Who would have believed it that only in America with him taking the oath of office during the Martin Luther King Birthday activities, Obama helped fill King's dream as becoming President of the United States of America. Bringing this to this country to a

position of many problems, with level headed and character President Obama will face them with a steady hand reaching across party lines. He is gathering strength and support daily.

The problems President Obama inherited is parallel to Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy have been studied carefully. He chose his cabinet carefully as they will be his greatest assets, his temperament, his character, his intelligence, and his family.

We hear a lot about experience, but we also hear a lot about experiences, especially when Black people are concerned. But on this occasion, we are only talking about the President of the United States of America. How many first term presidents have had presidential experience. None! Only vice presidents have some first hand experience. Governors have not had presidential experiences. The only ones in the history of the United States of America with Presidential experience is a President that has served as

President.

Good, bad or indifferent, President Obama is the President of the United States of America. Not a red state, not able state, but the President of the United States of America.

Dr. King, Sojour Truth, Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass, and many others were not able to see the fruits of their efforts, but laid the foundation for Barack Obama to become President of the United States of America. Even though he was not born or the young too sweet and or bled, he gracefully stands on the shoulders of those who walked before him. He walked in their shadows locked in the hands of God. God bless America. God bless the United States of America.

Closing Thought: "Don't tell people what to do, find out what is there help them to decide"

God Bless President Barack Obama! God is able!

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



There comes a time in the life of every man and woman when you get the feeling that your time upon this earth may not be far away, but not really knowing when or if will come does help one to feel that there is always hope. Even when we do not feel that our time is near, hope is what keeps us going sometimes, as we know that we are vulnerable and any day, depending on circumstances, could be our last.

part, only God knows when, where and how we will leave this world. Medical advancement can in some instances prolong our stay here on earth and that is good. Medical personnel, however, need to stop playing God. No sick person really wants to know the approximate time that they may possibly live with a certain physical ailment. They want to hear words of 'hope', not doom.

If doctors feel that they need to exhibit their accurate predictions of the demise of an individual, it would be more appropriate to tell a close family member instead of the patient and all of the other patients in the same room, early in the morning before breakfast and then immediately recommend hospice care. It may as well be

put on a billboard. There is no hope in a message of this kind.

Family members who live with a patient, already have some idea that a loved one is becoming weaker as the days go on, but unless a patient asks a doctor how much time he feels that he has; it certainly should not be volunteered. Instead of a multitude of questions about 'advance directives', doctors and medical facilities should be aware of patient and family expectations. It is time to get 'in cinque' and make medical professionals and institutions become aware that patients and families consider predictions of demise very private, personal and serious and should not be blurted out in a hospital room full of people.

### We Thank God For Jesus

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The Lord said, cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the fields. Cursed shall be your basket and your store. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, the fruit of your land, and the increase of your vine, and the flock of your sheep. Cursed shall be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon you cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand to do. Until you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you have forsaken me.

America is now CURSED

### WITH A CURSE; AND IS IN A DEPRESSOR, AND NEED TO PRAY. THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CAN CHANGE THINGS, AND THAT IS PRAYER???

AMERICA IS NOW TRUSTING IN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT, BUT GOD IS THE ONE

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### Parson Smith

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means that her grandchildren have the same opportunities as anyone else. "I hope, it will enlighten my grandchildren to know they can be anybody they want to be, it shows you might be president someday."

Bowie wishes her grandparents could have seen the day when a black president was elected. "They are the ones who paved the way," she said. "They didn't have a voice."

One can only imagine how Bowie's grandparents would feel after realizing a new era is upon America. By slowly but steadily moving little by little to gain equality and the same freedom as whites, Bowie's relatives paved the way to make Martin Luther King Jr's American dream possible. And the dream is that a black man will be president, and that man is Barack Obama.

### MLK little League Taking Applications For Summer Play

ball season for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Little League got underway last 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 signup will be held this Saturday, January 17, 2009, at United Supermarket between 10:00a. 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.

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## 8-Year-Old Filmmaker and Author Wants You in His New Movie and Book, I Can Be Barack Obama

**Houston, TX** (BlackNews.com) - The I Can Be Barack Obama book is story of how the historical election of America's first African American President has inspired the life of one small African American boy. It speaks of the love, hope, faith, dreams and triumphs that all children share. Additionally, it is a compilation of real kids' statements of what "I Can Be Barack Obama" means to them.

The I Can Be Barack Obama movie is a compilation of real story-statements by real kids from all over the world who have been inspired by the historical election of the United States of America's first African American President. Children's views on the first elected African American President of the United States will determine the future of the political and social dynamics for their generation and generations to come.

Rriiver Nyile believes that I Can Be Barack Obama speaks about a man who has become a world role model. He embodies the idea to all children that the impossible can become possi-



Rriiver Nyile

ble. You can be anything that you want to be if you put your mind to it.

Rriiver Nyile invites each child to sit down and put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and share his/her most powerful interpretation of what I Can Be Barack Obama means to them. Additionally, he would like them to video tape their statement and submit it via YouTube at [www.YouTube.com/ICanBeBarackObama](http://www.YouTube.com/ICanBeBarackObama).

The statement and video of

those selected will be featured in the movie and book. Each chosen author will receive a complimentary autographed first edition copy of the I Can Be Barack Obama movie and book. In addition to the entries included in the book, Papyrus Publishing will present additional selections on [www.ICanBeBarackObama.com](http://www.ICanBeBarackObama.com). Details for submissions can be found on the webpage [www.ICanBeBarackObama.com](http://www.ICanBeBarackObama.com).

At the onset of the book and movie's scheduled release in the Summer of 2009, Rriiver Nyile will go on a national tour to promote I Can Be Barack Obama and celebrate with America's kids the historic election of the first African American President of The United States.

Rriiver Nyile is an author, filmmaker, motivational speaker and kidpreneur. For information on speaking engagements, please contact Toni Scott Cohn v. j. a. Toni@ICanBeBarackObama.com

### Area Reading Program Set For Lubbock

The "Reading Raider Book Club" is currently registering participants for the third annual Adult Reading Program at the Lubbock Public Library. Each registered participant will receive a bookmark and the opportunity to win prizes during the program, which ends on March 27. Several prize drawings will be scheduled at each library location during the course of the event. A reception honoring the participants and the Grand Prize drawing will be held at the Mahon Library on March 28.

Participants must be at least 18 and may register and receive program details at the information desk at any of the four Lubbock Public Library locations, including Mahon, 1306 9th St.; Godeke Branch, 6601 Quaker; Groves Branch, 5520 19th St.; and Patterson Branch, 1836 Parkway Drive.

The winner of the Grand Prize will enjoy a day of shopping worth \$200 provided by the Friends of the Library.

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



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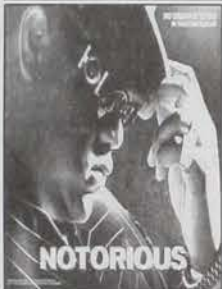
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### Notorious BIG Film Beats Expectations With \$21.5 Million In Ticket Sales During Opening Weekend



Angela Bassett - who played his mom Volleta Wallace; Derek Luke - who played P. Diddy; Naturi Naughton - who played Lil Kim; Antoinette Smith - who played Faith Evans; Anthony Mackie - who played Tupac; and Jamal Woolard - who played Notorious BIG himself. Despite the film's success, it did create some drama. During the opening weekend in New York City,

at Djumbala night club, 4 people were stabbed at a party that was celebrating the release of the film. Another person was shot during in argument about the film at a movie theater in Greensboro, NC. Also, rapper Lil Kim put out a statement to the press indicating that she did not like how she was portrayed in the film. She was quoted as saying

**New York, NY** - The movie biopic that details the life of the late rapper Notorious B.I.G. is a huge box office hit. The film, released by Fox Searchlight Pictures and executive produced by Sean "Diddy" Combs, opened well at theaters in its first week and sold over \$20 million in tickets.

For the most part, the film was well-liked from critics and fans. Most noted was the talented cast of actors and actresses who delivered believable performances. The cast included:

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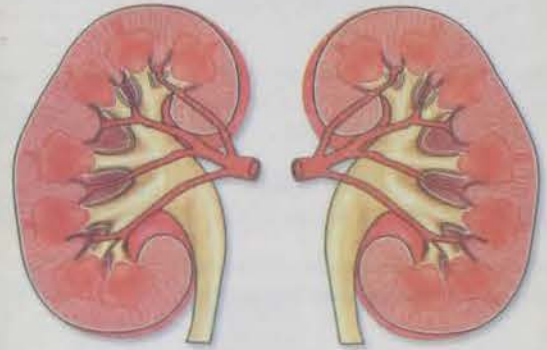
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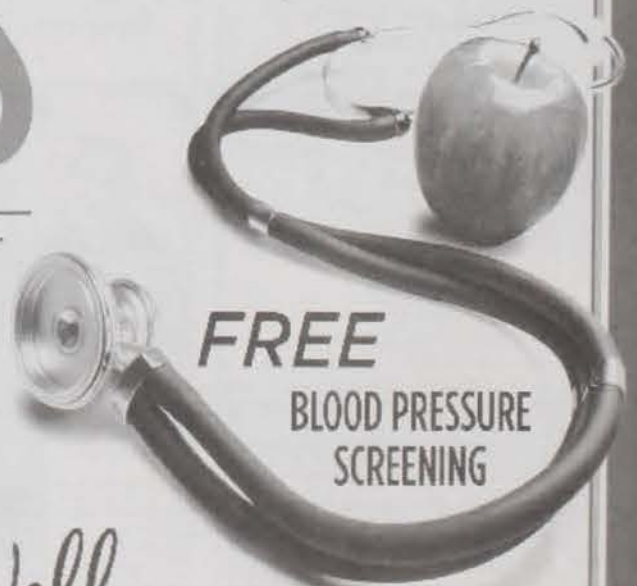
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