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Pastor Brooks, Pastor Ford & Pastor Moore Will Speak At MLK 38th Annual Celebration Sunday Evening At Civic Center



Pastor Larry Brooks



Pastor J. H. Ford



Pastor Jack Moore

With the 38th Annual Celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. The Celebration beginning Friday, January 16 thru January 19, 2009, and three local pastors will deliver the address on Sunday evening, January 17th. They are Pastor Larry Brooks of Community Baptist Church, Pastor J. H. Ford of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, and Pastor Jack Moore of the Greater Works Church of God in Christ. They will be speaking at the Annual City Wide Celebration at the Lubbock Memorial Civic

Center, beginning at 5:00 p. m. Also appearing on program will be special music performed by the MLK Mass Choir. This year's theme is "Change - Past, Present, Future." Ecclesiastes 3:1. The other program events will be held Friday night, January 16. Youth Explosion, Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Saturday evening, January 17, Martin Luther King Commemorative Black Tie Banquet will be held at the McInturff Center at the

University Medical Center, 602 Indiana Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be Ruffin McNeill, Defensive Coach Coordinator at Texas Tech University. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Tables are available upon request. Monday evening, January 9, the official holiday, a Gospel Awards will be held at the Allen Theatre, Texas Tech University, 15th Street & Boston Avenue, beginning at 6:30 p. m. The programs are sponsored by the Lubbock MLK Commemorative Council.



Shown above are LISD Director of Collegiate Relations Leslie Soto, prospective student Wanda Favors and her daughter Adrian Favors. South Plains College will offer adults classes for college credit and workforce development at Escondido High School this spring semester. Dual credit courses for EHS students are also available. Registration for the classes was Tuesday, January 6.

Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- DuBar Alumn 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, Moe Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alphas meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- DuBar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the DuBar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1101 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations
- Texas Juretschki Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hnat Elementary
- Chairman 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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Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!!

If the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had lived until January 19, 2009, he would have been 80 years young. Dr. King, the legendary Civil Rights leader, was killed in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. It is the hope that young people in Lubbock would read about the life of this man who fought for the rights all Americans. This weekend, many programs are being held in his honor during this year's celebration.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Locally, the M.L.K. Commemorative Council will begin their weekend celebration on Friday, January 16 through Monday, January 19, 2009, the national holiday. The public is invited!

John E. Hall Becomes Senior Leadership Official for HUD Field Office

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced on January 8, 2009 its selection of John E. Hall as Field Office Director for the District of Columbia Field Office. In this capacity, Hall will be the senior leadership official responsible for establishing management priorities for front-office field operations, coordinating Presidential and Secretarial priorities and initiatives, managing and coordinating HUD's field office response to disaster relief efforts and maintaining effective working relationships with local community/industry groups and local elected officials throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Hall assumes this role effective February 2, 2009. Hall currently serves as Financial Transaction Manager with HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Preservation. One of his key duties has been to review multi-family projects participating in the Mark-to-Market Program and make recommendations for

non-profit organizations to receive HUD-held debt pursuant to the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform Act of 1997 and Notice H 08-04. Prior to joining HUD, John was employed by two community development corporations (CDC) in Texas. At South Fair CDC in Dallas, Texas, he was deputy director for a community housing development organization that developed multi-family housing using tax credits and Section 202 programs. He left there to start the North & East Lubbock CDC in Lubbock, Texas where he was executive director until leaving his post for HUD. His accomplishments with this CDC included single-family housing development, housing counseling and economic development. Hall has additional experience with Bank of America's Real Estate Banking Group in Dallas and Houston. He also served as Director of Non-Profit Development for the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone in New York, New York. His educational training



John Hall

knows no state boundary at all. Having received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, he later received a Master of Public Administration from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, a college within Syracuse University. Hall brings a wealth of knowledge of implementation strategies of public policies combined with practical experience in both the public and private sectors. His professional experience in identifying and assessing needs, setting priorities, and achieving missions for organizations is unparalleled.

Dungy Retires After Seven Seasons as Coach of Colts



Tony Dungy, with Colts President Bill Polian seated at right, said, "Don't shed any tears for me. I've got to live a dream that most people don't get to live." (By Michael Conroy - Associated Press)

Tony Dungy walked away from football and the Colts Monday, January 12, 2009, announcing his retirement after seven seasons with the team in which he became the first African American coach to win a Super Bowl. Dungy, 53, said he hadn't decided what his post-coaching career will be, but he hopes to work with children in some way. "My wife and I talked, and we just felt it was the right time," Dungy said at a news conference. "I think I've got a chance to do some things down the road. I think I've got a responsibility to be home a little more." Dungy is to be replaced by associate head coach Jim Caldwell, who was designated as Dungy's eventual successor by the Colts last offseason. Dungy had been contemplating his coaching future since the Colts' season ended in a first-round playoff loss at San Diego. He said he originally had hoped

to walk off the field in Tampa next month with a second Super Bowl triumph and retire then. "When the Colts lost to the Chargers, he initially wanted to return for another season because he didn't want to exit on such a disappointment, he said. But he changed his mind during conversations last week with his wife, Lauren. "I've been tremendously blessed to play three years in the NFL and coach for 28, and those 31 years have been fantastic," Dungy said. "Don't shed any tears for me. I've got to live a dream that most people don't get to live. What phase two is, we'll see. ... I have a real peace about it that this is the right time." He said he doesn't plan to coach again, but realizes there is a chance he could have a change of heart. Colts owner Jim Irsay said, "As an owner, you dream about having the kind of relationship with a head coach that I've had with Tony."

MLK Little League Taking Applications For Summer Play

The sign-up for the upcoming baseball 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 sign-up 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. For more information, call Mr. Curry at 577-13 73.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council will be sponsoring its 38th Annual Celebration beginning tomorrow, Friday, January 16 through January 19, 2009.

Their theme this year will be "Change - Past-Present & Future."

A Youth Explosion will be held on Friday evening, beginning at Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Black Tie

Banquet will be held Saturday evening at the McInnruff Center, University Medical Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Coach Ruffin McNeil of Texas Tech University.

Sunday evening, January 18th, the Annual City Wide Services will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Speakers for the program will be Pastor Larry Brooks, Pastor J.H. Ford and

Pastor Jack Moore.

The Celebration will conclude on Monday evening, January 19, the official holiday for Dr. King, with Gospel Awards at the Allen Theatre at Texas Tech University, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This writer encourages all to attend this celebration.

Just think after the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the first African Americas will be sworn in as President of the United States of America.

Locally, the First Presidential Inaugural Ball will be sponsored by the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee. It will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. For more information, call either Tonya Johnson at 283-2990 or Kathleen McPherson at 787-4513.

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

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be food in my house. Test me in this way says the Lord of hosts. See if I will not open the flood gates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure. Malachi 3:10.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 11, 2009, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with great anticipation. w Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sis Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson titled "Risking Ones Life For Good."

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way. Rev. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson and it came from Psalm 23:1-6. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson, with the Senior Choir singing "Jesus Keep Me Near Thy Cross."

Sis. Rochette Hood read of all the upcoming events and weekly services held. She also told of all the birthdays for the week. There was the pastoral peribd which was held and then

the offering taken up

The Senior Choir sang "The Lord Is Blessing Me" and "I'll Go". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "When Things Of This Life Fail, What Then? Luke 8:41-56. After the sermon, Rev. A. W. Brown sang "Blessed Assurance". There was the invitation to discipleship extended.

We were on program at St. Matthew Baptist Church for their Annual Musical. There were several other churches who were in attendance, and we had a bless time in the Lord.

Let us come out and support the services held throughout the week. Pray for those who are sick and shut-in, those who are in the nursing homes, prison and jails.

Continue to pray that 2009 will be the year God will bless you in more ways than one.

Scripture For The Week: Bring the full 10 percent into the storehouse so that there may

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

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Lubbock Public Library Events

"Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents, on Tuesday, January 20 at 6 p.m. Each family will receive a free book to take home, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock. For more information, call 767-3300.

Show & Tell Storytime at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, invites kids age 3 and up to the library for a special "show and tell" storytime at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 22. Bring something special to

show the group. For more information, call 792-6566.

Teen Program at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites all teens to the library for an afternoon of the video game "Dance Dance Revolution" on Thursday, January 22 at 4 p.m. Call 767-3300 for more information.

"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 22

SPC to host briefing on economic contributions

LEVELLAND - The economic contributions of South Plains College on Hockley and Lubbock counties will be the subject of a press briefing set for 10 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q.

The report, produced by Economic Modeling Specialties Inc., will be presented by Kjell A. Christophersen, Ph.D. Christophersen is a senior economist and co-principal of EMSI, with 30 years of international and domestic experience. Before joining EMSI and starting CBenefits, Christophersen was a Senior Manager for the

International Resources Group (1983-2001).

Associate Professor at the University of Idaho (1977-1983) and an adjunct associate professor at Washington State University (1992-1998). To date, he has produced more than 700 socio-economic impact studies for community and technical colleges throughout the United States and Canada.

Federation of Choirs Will Meet

The monthly meeting of Federation of Choirs will meet at Bethel AME Church on Sunday, January 25, 2009.

at 4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the second book in the Twilight series, "New Moon" by Stephenie Meyer. For more information, call 767-3733.

EMSI provides integrated regional economic and labor market data, web-based analysis tools, data-driven reports and consulting services. The company specializes in detailed information about regional economies for assessment and planning purposes, bringing together industry, workforce and education perspectives.

"This report details the role that South Plains College plays in promoting economic development, enhancing students' careers and improving quality of life," said Dane Dewbre, associate dean for College Relations at SPC. "It provides data to support the case that there are measurable benefits of higher education, not only for students, but for businesses, taxpayers and society as a whole."

Invites to the briefing will include local, county and regional community leaders.

For more information, contact Dewbre at 806-716-2210.

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



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

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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

Wednesday Services

Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm



Pastor Sonja J.B. Scott

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

Lubbock's First Presidential Inaugural Ball Hosted by The Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee "A New Birth of Freedom"



Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall

7pm - 11pm
Cash Bar - Refreshments Begin at 6pm
Tickets - \$25 per person \$40 per couple
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For More Information Contact
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FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH
"BlackAmerica, "Watch Your Back!"



We Thank God for Jesus
"Ain't No Slaved No More!!"

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

America has a multiplicity of problems including an economy that is in a free fall with more than half a million jobs lost in December 2008, making the yearly decline the worst in six decades and the unemployment rate at its highest in more than 16 years.

President-elect Barack Obama has said: "Throughout America's history, there have been some years that simply rolled into the next without much notice or fanfare. Then there are the years that come along once in a generation - that kind that mark a clean break from a troubled past, and set a new course for a nation. This is one of those years."

We start 2009 in the midst of a crisis unlike any we have seen in our life-time - a crisis that has only deepened over the last few weeks. Nearly two million jobs have now been lost, and on Friday we are likely to learn that we lost more jobs last year than at any time since World War II. Just in the past year, another 2.8 million Americans who want and need full-time work have had to settle for part-time jobs. Manufacturing has hit a twenty-eight year low. Many businesses cannot borrow or make payroll. Many families cannot pay their bills or their mortgage. Many workers are watching their life savings disappear and many, many Americans are both anx-

ious and uncertain of what the future will hold.

This crisis did not happen solely by some accident of history or normal turn of the business cycle, and we won't get out of it by simply waiting for a better day to come, or relying on the worn-out dogmas of the past. We arrived at this point due to an era of profound irresponsibility that stretched from corporate boardrooms to the halls of power in Washington, D.C. For years, too many Wall Street executives made imprudent and dangerous decisions, seeking profits with too little regard for risk, too little regulatory scrutiny, and too little accountability. Banks made loans without concern for whether borrowers could repay them, and some borrowers took advantage of cheap credit to take on debt they couldn't afford. Politicians spent taxpayer money without wisdom or discipline, and too often focused on scoring political points instead of the problems they were sent here to solve. The result has been a devastating loss of trust and confidence in our economy, our financial markets, and our government."

It has been revealed throughout the world that Americans and others have been ripped off through a \$50 billion Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme and a sinkhole of corruption, cronyism, incompetence and theft has

been a hallmark of the Bush management team at home and abroad.

However, African Americans must be reminded that a deep subtle racism is ever present. One wonder how a country seemed to be doing fairly well under George Bush could so suddenly turn from sugar to whatever your intellect would name the negative after an African American is elected president. Has our economic status in the world been a big WHITE MALE LIE?

African American in Texas, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia need to be aware that some of white America is going through the back door by the way of the Supreme Court to overthrow the rules of the "Voting Rights Act" as it pertains to their state.

The Supreme Court said on Friday, January 9, 2009 that they would consider a challenge to a central provision of the 44 year-old voting rights law aimed at preventing states and local governments from making it harder for minorities to vote. This look like a move for the 2012 elections.

African Americans including President-elect Barack Obama must never go to sleep on white America!

African Americans must Continue on Page 8

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

When GOD BLESSED america: she had faith and plenty of love. But it's now under the Curse of I have my Rights; and now look at the land of BLOOD.

Isaiah 1:4a - Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are Corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord.

It all started when the Christians marched to give mankind rights. They disobeyed the LAWS OF THE LAND; now the child children do it, DAY AND NIGHT!!!

II Peter 2:19-20 - While the promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption, for of when a man is overcome, of the same he is brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollution of the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ ist. They are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end (last state) is worse with them than the beginning.

The Christians follow a man, not the word of GOD, BUT MAN'S DREAM. America is over run with unheard of sins; AND THE NIGHTMARE IS

NO DREAM!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-28 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed. I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the hearts of the prophets that prophets lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor as their father have for gotten my name for Ba'al, the prophet who had a dream, let him dream; and he that have my word, let him speak my word faithfully (in truth). What is the chaff to the wheat? said the Lord.

**** YES, DREAMERS ROB GOD!!! ****

Then one lady came with HER RIGHTS, and took PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOLS. Now they have DRUGS, KILLINGS, GUNS, AND DRUGS, and I ask WHO ARE THE FOOLS???

Romans 1:21-23a -- Because that, when they (Christians) knew GOD, they glorified him not as GOD, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise, they (CHRISTIANS) became fools,

and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man.

**** YES, CHRISTIANS ROBBED GOD!!! ****

I, Billy B. J., followed these things at one time, thinking I have MY R. RIGHT. Then one day that all changed, when I met JESUS CHRIST!!!

Proverb 13:20-21 - He that walks with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

I let JESUS HAVE MY RIGHTS, now my life is ever so SWEET. JESUS GAVE ME HIS RIGHTS, to put the DEVIL UNDER MY FEET.

John 8:12 - Jesus said, I am the light of the world, he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!!!!

Didn't nobody have to give up their SEAT ON THE CITIBUS, MY FREEDOM came from heaven; GOD SAID THAT'S enough.

Didn't nobody have to get HIT with the policeman's BILLY CLUB, MY FREEDOM came when GOD SENT HIS ONLY BELOVED.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 11, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "Risking One's Life For good." The scripture was

Joshua 2:1-4; 12-14; 6:22-25.

The morning lesson was taught by our Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis and received by Pastor Canady.

The key verse: "And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you; for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. Now, therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by

the Lord, since I have shown you kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:35 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

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

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject

was "What Do You Think About Jesus?" His scripture text was Matthew 22:41-42. It was a very inspirational sermon.

Our weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies, 5:30 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 the 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. We know there are some outstanding musicians in Lubbock who are looking for an opportunity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the Saints adore thee.

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee.

Which wert and evermore shalt be.

Thought For The Week: "If you're too impressed with yourself, take a closer look at God's awesomeness."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Sister Socky Mart in last week. It was the first meeting in the New Year, and all were truly blessed. All the ladies expressed things they went through in the year's past, and they were "still standing!" Again, all gave thanks to God. Advice to the Church, in automobile language.

Naham 2:4: The chariots shall rage the streets, they shall hustle one against another in the broad ways. They shall seem like teachers. They shall run like lightning." We are speaking to

the Church! Don't let your clutch slip. Don't let your battery run down. Be sure you have plenty of gas. Judges 16:20. Don't blow your horn too much. Matthew 6:2. Obey the law. Romans 13:1-2. Quick break stop. Proverbs 16:32. Study road map. Isaiah 35:8. Safety first. Act 27:31-44.

Thank God when you're down. Continue to thank him when you are up. For we walk by Faith and not by sight.

Saints, God does not see what you have on, but he's looking on the inside, and he knows exactly what's on the inside. So don't try to fool our God this

year. Shine on the inside, and the world will take notice.

Thank so much, Saints, for reading. If you have an opportunity, then pass what you have read on to others. We need your support!

Those who were in attendance enjoyed the meeting. We are looking forward to our next meeting in a few weeks. Actually. This upcoming meeting will beheld the first weekend

of Black History Month. Something for all of us to think about!

Read these scriptures, Saints: II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26 during the entire week as they may be of great assistance for you.

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are wishing each of you a Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

Sister Martin prepared the breakfast for the meeting. She's one of the 'Best Cooks' in The

West!

Continue in 2009 to spread your drive by prayers when you pass our schools, churches, shopping centers and other places of interest. God is able!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Carrie Wheeler, acting secretary.

If you are not a members of a church family, then why not do so this week by attending one of the churches in the community.

The doors are open for all of us to attend. Why not choose one to attend this week.

Also, if you know of someone who is sick and shut-in, why not just give them a telephone call or visit if anyway possible. When you've been ill, you understand how much it means when someone is thinking about you and misses your presence.

Let us not forget those men and women who are in prison this week. They, too, need our prayers. God loves all of us!

(BPRW) Annual CDC Report Finds High Burden of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Especially among Women and Racial Minorities

(BLACK PR WIRE) (January 13, 2009) Reported cases of Chlamydia and gonorrhea in the United States exceeded 1.4 million in 2007, according to an annual report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These diseases continue to be the most commonly reported infectious diseases in the nation and pose persistent and preventable threats to fertility in the United States.

The report, Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, 2007, shows persistent racial disparities across these and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD), and a particularly heavy burden of disease among women. The report also finds continued

increases in syphilis. This disease, while once on the verge of elimination, began re-emerging as a threat in 2001 and increased 15.2

Percent between 2006 and 2007.

"The widespread occurrence of these diseases should serve as a stark reminder that STDs remain a serious health threat in the United States, especially for women and racial and ethnic minorities," said John M. Douglas, Jr., M.D., director of CDC's Division of STD Prevention. "Left untreated, Chlamydia and gonorrhea can cause infertility, affecting a woman's chance to bear children later in life."

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Obsequies

Amber Mae Gould

Funeral services for a former resident, Amber Mae Gould, were held Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2009 at Church of The Living God.

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

Gould, 89, of Banning, Calif., formerly of Lubbock, passed Sunday, December 28, 2008.

Amber was born on March 17, 1919 in Deberry to the parentage of Richard and Sarah Rollison, Sr. Amber married Raymond Gould on January 12, 1950 in Clovis, N.M. She worked at Dunbar Middle School in Lubbock as a cook for many years and later retired.



She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Mary Newton, stepdaughter, Mattie "Jewel" Pittman, sister, Rosie Lee Mullins; brother, Peter Rollison; two grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Black History Month Events Needed For Centennial Calendar

All interested groups who would like to have their February, 2009 events included on the city-wide Black History Month Calendar scheduled to be submitted to the printer for publication on January 24, 2009, should call Shirley Green at (806) 794-8600 or e-mail the following information: name of the event, hosting organization, the time, date, location, contact person, the costs (if any), and individuals eligible to attend the event: sagreen3@yahoo.com.

The city-wide Black History Calendar is a project of the Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council.

BLACCC - BRICCC Brings Youth Summit

A program will be presented to 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. The children, parents, educators, and administrators 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 to live, in harmony, not in chaos.

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WPS Announces 4th Annual Dollar a Door Campaign

Women's Protective Services 4th annual Dollar a Door Campaign will take Lubbock by storm on March 28, 2009 in hopes of raising much needed funds and awareness.

On March 28, 2009 volunteers will meet at Chas A Guy Park at noon when we will have lunch, give away prizes, recognize volunteers and then at about 1pm volunteers will begin to comb Lubbock neighborhoods asking Lubbockites to donate \$1 to WPS. WPS is excited to hold this campaign for a fourth year. "We are praying that Lubbock will open their doors for us and donate just a dollar to help save the lives of those affected by domestic violence," states Roy Rios, Coordinator of the Dollar a Door Campaign. "The money raised will go directly to serve the Lubbock community and the eleven surrounding counties we serve. All services we provide are free and confidential." In addition to raising funds, WPS is currently raising volunteers! WPS is seeking the assistance of anyone who is interested in assisting with this campaign. Volunteers will receive lunch, a t-shirt, be eligible for prizes and most exciting, be a part of an important social movement to change our community, country and world.

Purpose of Women's Protective Services
Founded in 1978, Women's Protective Services of Lubbock,

Inc. was established as a 501 (c) (3) shelter program for victims of domestic violence. WPS has grown in strength and services over the past 28 years to become one of the three largest residential shelters in the state of Texas.

In 2008, WPS provided crisis intervention & supportive services to over 5,000 women and children, and answered over 5,000 hotline calls. WPS is the only agency that provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter and support services to battered women and their children in a 10,500 square-mile region. This region has a population of 325,000 comprising the 12 West Texas counties of Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens,

Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

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It is the mission of WPS to reduce and prevent family violence by providing emergency shelter to women and their dependent children. It is also the mission of WPS to nurture self-sufficiency in our clients by providing them with the emotional support and life skills to overcome the pattern of violence that has dominated their domestic relationships and build strong, healthy and promising lives.

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Carrie Frances Garrett Palmer

Levelland - Funeral services for Carrie Frances Garrett Palmer, 70, of Levelland were held last Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2009 at George Price Funeral Chapel with Rev. Alton Graves officiating.

Burial will follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of George Price Funeral Home.

Carrie was born to Rev. Obadiah and Louise Love-Garrett on August 23, 1938 in Levelland. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lewis Palmer, Sr.; a son, Richard Palmer, a grandson, Jerome Dean Palmer; a brother, Obie "Little Boy" Garrett; and two sisters, Allean Lockett and Ida Lee Garrett-Archer.

She is survived by three sons, Lewis Palmer, Jr., Gregory Williams, both of Lubbock, and Anthony Williams of Fort Worth; three daughters, Ivory Louise Palmer of Levelland, Helen Palmer of Fort Worth, and Shardonna Wilson of Lubbock; two sisters, Liz Weatherall of Levelland and Dorothy Brown of Houston; a brother, Finley Garrett of San Antonio; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



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Such a severe consequence is entirely avoidable; if as a nation we work together to increase the uses of proven prevention tools and make them widely available to those who need them."

Women Bear Heavy STD Burden, Including Risk of Infertility

Women continue to bear a disproportionate burden of the long-term health consequences of STDs. In 2007, the Chlamydia rate among women was three times that of men (543.6 cases per 100,000 women, compared to 190 cases per 100,000 men). The gonorrhea rate was also higher among women (123.5 per 100,000 women, compared to 113.7 per 100,000 among men).

Although the two diseases can be easily diagnosed and treated, they often have no symptoms and go undetected. If left untreated, up to 40 percent of Chlamydia and gonorrhea infections in women can result in pelvic inflammatory disease - a condition that causes as many as 50,000 women to become infertile each year. Untreated Chlamydia or gonorrhea can also cause ectopic pregnancy, chronic pelvic pain, and other serious health problems.

The report found that there were more than 1.1 million Chlamydia cases reported in 2007, up from about one million in 2006, making it the largest number of cases ever reported to CDC for any condition. Gonorrhea, the second most commonly reported infectious disease, had more than 350,000 cases reported in 2007.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

WE WISH BARACK OBAMA ALL THE BLESSINGS! THIS 'N' THAT ... want to advise that when we read next week's edition of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** ... the next President of the United States of America ... will have been sworn in as the **44TH PRESIDENT** ... It so happens he will be the first African American to be elected to this position ... By now the world knows his name as **BARACK OBAMA** ... a man like the late **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** ... was **GOD SENT** ... He will do well ... but he will need our prayers and support as he takes a mountain of responsibilities ... It can happen ... that is ... if we just give him the opportunity to do his task of representing **ALL AMERICANS!** ... So **THIS 'N' THAT** ... is asking you do what you can to ... encourage this ... **HISTORIC CHANGE** ... for all of us! ... **THIS 'N' THAT** ...

knows everything will be alright ... **SUPPORT THE 38TH MLK CELEBRATION!** THIS 'N' THAT ... is asking you **SUPPORT** ... the **38TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION** ... of the **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION** ... which will get underway tomorrow night ... Friday ... beginning at 6:30 p. m. ... at Alderson Middle School where a **YOUTH EXPLOSION** will take place ... The **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE BLACK TIE BANQUET** will be held Saturday evening ... at McInturf Center at University Medical Center ... beginning at 7:00 p. m. ... Guest speaker will be **RUFFIN MCNEIL** ... Defensive Football Coordinator at Texas Tech University ... on Sunday afternoon ... beginning at 5:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ... the **ANNU-**

AL CITY WIDE CELEBRATION ... will be held ... There will be three local Black Pastors ... speaking on the theme **"CHANGE - PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE!"** The Pastors are **PASTOR LARRY BROOKS, PASTOR J. H. FORD & PASTOR JACK MOORE** ... Music will be furnished by the **MLK MASS CHOIR** ... The annual celebration will conclude ... Monday evening ... January 19, 2009 ... the official holiday for **Dr. King** ... at the Allen Theatre on the campus of Texas Tech University with a **GOSPEL AWARDS** ... beginning at 7:00 p. m. ... All of these activities should be exciting ... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:** "WE ... should do what we can to ... **SUPPORT** ... this year's **MARTIN LUTHER KING'S CELEBRATION!**" **DON'T FORGET INAGURATION DAY!** **THIS 'N' THAT** ... don't forget!!

THINK ABOUT IT!

"We Need Images"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Tina Turner sang a song we don't need another hero Tina you lied we need a lot of hero's and positive heroes and role models we have to have many poor and unacceptable images and role models in this day and age it ok to be moral and indecent. The in thing is to be cool you have to be a gangster like pimps, gang banger, prostitute, hustler, or any thing else that is immoral, low lifted just plain indecent which is an all time low we terribly need to make a huge turn around because our society is going to hell in a hand basket why did we let this happen?

We need some viable heroes locally not entertainers not athlete's but local community people our young men need to see some local role models that they can relate to and identify with on a

daily basis they see to many drug dealers, hustlers of all kinds this is not the images they need to be familiar with in most cases we pick the wrong people as role models many times we are looking all over for the goose that laid the golden egg when it is in our own back yard.

We need more black men visible to our young black boys they need to see black families headed by black fathers they need to see black men in our schools especially in the elementary levels in the homes and churches and in the community as a whole. We need more black teachers, more black firemen, more black plumbers, more black carpenters, more black electricians, more black merchants, more black business persons, especially in the justice system on the other side not only

as being locked up but also being on the other side locking up, being parole officers, administrators, jailors, working all sides of justice system from top to bottom inside as well as outside the system.

The time is long past that we have not taken and earned our rightful place in the American dream no body told us it would be easy we must we shall keep on fighting, keep on pushing keeping the faith, all ways grasping for knowledge, reaching for the stars, obeying the law not becoming discouraged keeping the faith until victory is ours.

In Closing Thought: Always make each child feel special, encourage them to reach their full potential which is unlimited teach them the sky is the limit.

Burriss expected to be sworn in this week

Senate Democratic leaders said Monday that former Illinois attorney general Roland Burriss will likely be sworn in this week after his new credentials were found to be in order.

Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) issued a statement saying that they have spoken to Burriss "to let him know that he is now the senator-designate from Illinois and as such, will be accorded all the rights and privileges of a senator-elect."

"Accordingly, barring objections from Senate Republicans, we expect Senator-designee Burriss to be sworn in and formally seated later this week," Reid and Durbin stated.

The announcement ends a two-week standoff between Democratic leaders and the former Illinois attorney general. Burriss was caught up in the aftermath of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's (D) arrest for allegedly seeking to auction off President-elect Obama's Senate seat.

Reid and Durbin said they are coordinating with Vice President Dick Cheney to determine when Burriss can be sworn in.

"As we had outlined to Mr. Burriss, a path needed to be followed that respects the rules of the Senate," Reid and Durbin stated. "We committed to Mr. Burriss that once those requirements were satisfied, we would be able to proceed. We are pleased that everything is now in order, we congratulate Senator-designee Burriss on his appointment and we look forward to working with him in the 111th Congress."

The Democratic leaders released their statement after a meeting between Burriss's attorneys, Senate lawyers and Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson, who had rejected Burriss's certification papers last week. Burriss's attorneys submitted two separate documents that they say fulfill an 1884 Senate rule that all senators must have certification signed by their states' governors and secretaries of state.

Erickson issued a statement saying Burriss's papers "appear to contain all the essential elements" of the Senate rule.

Democratic leaders last week refused to seat Burriss because his appointment was not certified by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. However, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that Burriss's appointment by Blagojevich was valid even without the signature of Secretary of State Jesse White, who refused to co-sign the cer-

tificate because of the charges facing the governor.

At a Chicago press conference, Burriss declared victory and said he hopes to join the Senate immediately.

"The single most important reason I fought to defend this appointment was because I believe Illinois people didn't deserve to unfairly be punished again by delaying their right to have full representation and equally full voting rights at such a crippled, crucial time for our state and our nation," he said. "My motivation is to serve, and had nothing to do with the scandal that preceded my appointment."

Pointedly, Burriss thanked Reid and Durbin for negotiating with him and said he holds no grudges.

"Never once did I doubt their intentions were motivated by anything other than doing what was right for the people of Illinois and by what they believe had to be done to protect the Senate as an institution," he said. "It will be my honor both to serve with them and to learn from them."

Burriss also displayed humor, making light of White's refusal to sign the appointment by Blagojevich, saying he consid-

ered White "an honorable man... and someone whose autograph I cherish."

Senators from both parties on Monday, January 11, 2009, began coalescing around the idea that Burriss will soon be a colleague. Democrats said they are frustrated the issue became such a distraction to their legislative agenda, while Republicans said they do not see how Burriss could continue to be blocked.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

We are now living in what has been termed the 'computer age' or the technological age as most everything that we do today, somehow is either generated on a computer or in some way is affected by a computer. This means that many of us are experiencing cultural lag. Many fronts of our lives are just not 'with it!'

As citizens, too many of us have not taken a serious look at where and how we live. We just go from day to day accepting what is as though whatever it is, it just is. It is not so easy to accept 'what is' as it is, in time like these. We are all prey to hard times now as our economy has seemingly nosedived into what is now acknowledged as a recession, but to many of us it is a full blown depression. When your cupboard is bare and your pocketbook is empty, with no prospects for income, you are definitely depressed.

Depression takes many forms. Some of us are happy and content just as long as we can satisfy hunger just a little bit, have a fairly decent place to lay our head, and still have strength to move our bodies without too much pain, even if we do have an empty pocketbook. Yet, this state is depress-

ing to many. Some of us want a few coins in our pocketbooks regardless to whatever else goes on. When we do not have them, we are depressed.

When we live in a society where the resources are scarce and perhaps we have a few of the needed items to make life a little happy, and we seek to curtail excess spending to keep our bodies and souls together and find that our local governments raise our taxes while making resources even more scarce while the elected officials line their pockets with the funds which could be used to make life better, this is depressing. We see the corruption and when

we try to get answers and understanding, the legal minds underestimate our intelligence and attempt to placate us with answers that benefit corrupt officers.

Computers can and should be used to generate and inform citizens of the function of our local government and how it is executed, based upon the charter for the body. The charter should be available to any citizen who wishes to see it and study it during reasonable work hours. Let us get 'in cinque' and stop being mesmerized by what city lawyers tell us. Remember, they work for the City Council, not for the citizens.

Minority Internship Programs Seek Candidates For 2009

Columbus, OH - Several minority internship programs targeting African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans are now welcoming applications for 2009. The internships will take place in various cities across the country during the spring, summer, fall, and winter seasons.

The programs are being administered by a combination of major corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Many of the opportunities offer compensation for students, and some will even pay for a student's travel needs. Applicable majors include business, computer science, engineering, psychology, communications, marketing, advertising, and many more.

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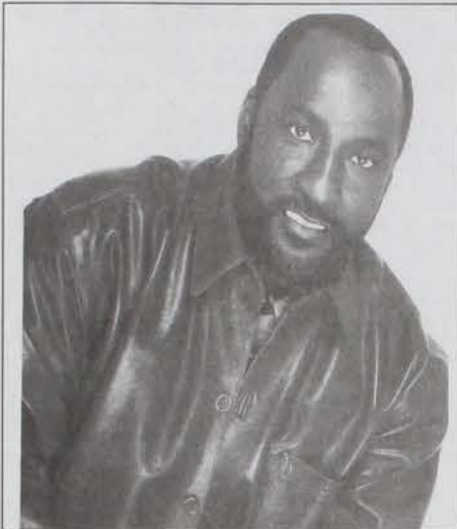
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and it's very unfortunate," Alexander said. "This is no time to be damaging the public's confidence in elected officials... But it's for (Democrats) to decide. It's one of the joys of being the majority."

But Reid and Durbin also had their defenders — Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) was among those who said the leaders had no choice but to move cautiously, considering the corruption charges that had been filed against Blagojevich.

"In the wake of the manner in which Gov. Blagojevich did this, it was entirely appropriate for the leadership here to put an appropriate level of scrutiny on the nomination," Kerry said. "I think that scrutiny has taken place."

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), which had strongly supported Burriss's quest for Obama's seat, applauded the announcement of

the Democratic leaders. "The CBC is very pleased with the decision of Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate leadership to seat Roland Burriss," said chairwoman Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.). "Mr. Burriss has long been a public servant for the people of Illinois. He will be a wonderful addition to our caucus and we look forward to working with him as we move forward with our agenda in Congress."

Obama's transition team, which had worried about the situation becoming a distraction to the incoming administration's plans, also reacted positively to the announcement.

"As the president-elect has said repeatedly, he knows Roland Burriss and has high regard for him," said Obama spokesman Dan Pfeiffer. "He looks forward to working with Sen. Burriss and the rest of the United States Senate to rebuild our economy and meet the great challenges of our time."

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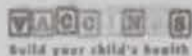
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Obama Featured In Spider-Man Comic Book

Washington, DC - Spider-Man has a new sidekick: The president-elect. Barack Obama collected Spider-Man comics as a child, so Marvel Comics wanted to give him a "shout-out back" by featuring him in a bonus story, said Joe Quesada, Marvel's editor-in-chief.

"How great is that? The commander in chief to be is actually a nerd in chief," Quesada said. "It was really, really cool to see that we had a geek in the White House. We're all thrilled with that."

The comic starts with Spider-Man's alter-ego Peter Parker taking photographs at the inauguration, before spotting two identical Obamas.

Parker decides "the future president's gonna need Spider-



Man," and springs into action, using basketball to determine the real Obama and punching out the impostor.

Obama thanks him with a fist-bump.

Marvel comics have featured most presidents, but generally in walk-on roles, Quesada said.

"I think President Nixon might have appeared on the cover, but not in a good way," he said.

Obama has said that as a child, he collected Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comic books. His Senate Web site used to have a photo of him posing in front of a Superman statue.

The Obama story is a bonus

in Marvel Comic's Amazing Spider-Man #583, available in comic book shops nationwide on Jan. 14 for \$3.99 and is expected to sell out, with half the covers devoted to Obama.

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vidual and group counseling for women and children, parenting classes, social services referral, legal advocacy, employment and educational assistance and community education.

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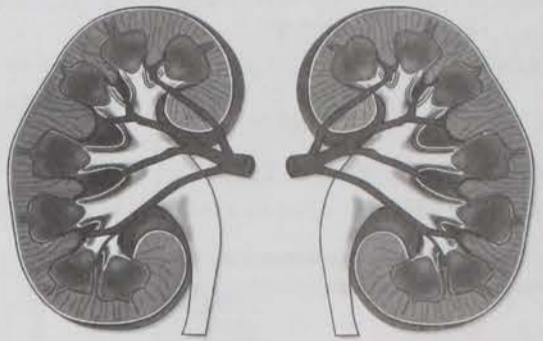
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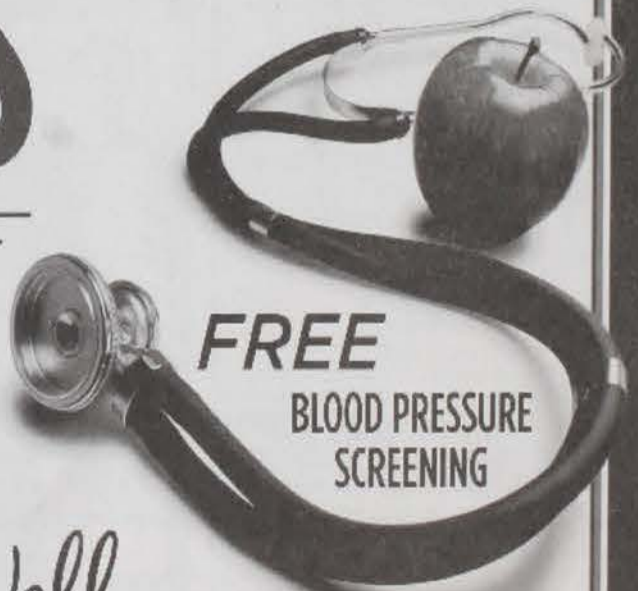
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