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## Eddie Richardson at the Bridge Opened Here Monday Morning

Monday morning, September 8, 2008, the Eddie Richardson Center at The Bridge of Lubbock opened its doors to 3 and 4 year-old children from low-income families pre-school education, health services, and family support.

The Eddie Richardson Center is a Head Start program hosted by the South Plains Community Action Association. The SPCAA Head Start provides pre-school education to 1,324 children in 12 counties of the South Plains through program and ISD hosted centers.

The center is located in the former Posey Elementary School which now belongs to The Bridge of Lubbock. The Bridge of Lubbock is a non-profit organization which provides services to the community such as a clothes closet, food vouchers, meals, family financial counseling and The "ROK" after school program.

The Eddie Richardson Center is opening two weeks late due to a delay in the visit from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for licensing. The center has been ready since before the school year began and used the time to further prepare for opening.

Although tuition is free, Head Start Centers maintain the same quality as for-profit pre-schools and day cares. The centers must meet all Texas Department of Family and Protective Services regulations as well as the National Head Start performance standards which ensure Head Start sites provide excellent services to enrolled children.

Children are examined and monitored for health and dental problems and referred to local clinics by registered nurses and LVN's when issues arise. This along with other school-readiness services are provided to prepare children mentally, physically and socially for kindergarten.



Eddie P. Richardson

To apply call the Eddie Richardson Center at (806) 762-6141. Proof of income, birth certificates, social security card and immunization records are required for enrollment.

Richardson is co-publisher of the Southwest Digest. He says, "This is a tremendous honor for me and my family. Head Start is a program designed to help families bring up their children."



Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick

## Detroit Mayor Kilpatrick Pleads Guilty, Resigns

DETROIT (AP) -- Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges Thursday in a sex scandal, forcing him out of office after months of defiantly holding onto his job leading the nation's 11th-largest city. He was ordered jailed for four months and fined \$1 million. "I lied under oath," Kilpatrick said in court.

The plea deal brings to an end a seven-month-long ordeal that has been a distraction for one of the nation's most troubled cities, which suffers from some of the highest home foreclosure and unemployment rates in the country, and has struggled for decades against population loss, high crime and racial tension.

The Detroit city charter automatically expels any mayor guilty of a felony.

A one-sentence letter signed by Kilpatrick and filed with the court states his resignation will take effect Sept. 18.

City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. will succeed Kilpatrick as mayor until a special election is held.

As part of Thursday's deal, the 38-year-old Democrat is to serve four months in jail and five years of probation. He also would pay the \$1 million in restitution over the five-year

probationary period, cannot run for any elected office for five years and loses his law license.

During a separate hearing moments after Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Groner accepted the mayor's plea, Kilpatrick offered a no contest plea in an assault case.

The judge also accepted that plea, which called for Kilpatrick to serve a four-month jail sentence that would run at the same time.

Kilpatrick had faced 10 felony counts in the two separate criminal cases.

Groner asked Kilpatrick if he understood he was giving up the right to be innocent until proven guilty.

"I gave that up a long time ago," Kilpatrick replied.

Kilpatrick also read a statement in court and admitted his guilt, saying "I lied under oath ... I did so with an intent to mislead the court and jury and to impede and obstruct the fair administration of justice."

The married mayor and former top aide Christine Beatty were charged in March with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice. They're accused of lying under oath about an affair and their roles in the firing of a deputy police chief.

Beatty did not plead guilty and next will appear in court on Sept. 11. Groner said a plea deal in Beatty's case appeared likely.

The mayor will be sentenced on Oct. 28. He will report to jail that day, said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

"We did not give an inch and these conditions were basically to a letter of what we wanted all along," she said.

Worthy said she was glad that Kilpatrick resigned but that was never a "bargaining chip" for her. She said paying restitution and serving time in jail were far more important.

"You don't just lose your job and walk away," she said.

Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm described the events of the day as "a sad but historic story" that's coming to an end.

"A public officer is entrusted to the person who holds that office but belongs to the people who are served by that office," she said.

She also suspended a hearing that she had started Wednesday to determine whether he should be removed from office for misconduct. The proceedings were reduced to zero.

Early Voting Begins  
October 20th through  
October 31st!  
Election Day is Nov.  
4th!

## 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., 806-771-1811
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Danbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Danbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Quadslope & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chinman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Des Elementary Cafeteria.

## Obama Wins Nomination; Says He'll "Fix Broken Politics"

DENVER — Barack Obama, launching his historic fall campaign for the White House with an outdoor Democratic National Convention extravaganza, pledged Thursday to "fix the broken politics in Washington" after he defeats Republican John McCain in the fall.

"We are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this," Obama said in excerpts of his acceptance speech released in advance of his speech.

Seeking to weld his Republican rival to the outgoing Bush presidency, Obama declared that McCain as a senator had voted with Bush 90 percent of the time. "I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change," he said.

"We meet at one of those defining moments—a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil and the American promise has been



threatened once more," Obama said in the excerpts.

He said it's time to change leadership in Washington after two terms of the Bush administration. "On Nov. 4," he said, "we must stand up and say

fight it enough." Obama said that more Americans now are out of work or working harder for less, more have lost homes or are watching

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## Dewberry Discovers His Family Roots Attending Reunion In Bullard



The Dewberry Family

Henry Dewberry, a local businessman and owner of Dewberry Appliance Center, has recently returned from the Henderson Family Reunion in Flint, Texas. While there, more than 60 family members were in attendance, he discovered something very significant about the Dewberry family. His wife, Mamie Dewberry, was in attendance.

Pictured above are members of the Dewberry family who were in attendance at the Dewberry Family Reunion. This photo was taken on a residence of the Dewberries. This plantation was where slaves were held during slavery time in the United States of America.

"I was real excited about finding out about this plantation, and how they treated slaves. This was very rewarding for me and my family to know," said Henry Dewberry.

The Dewberry plantation is located in Bullard, Texas, located near Tyler. The Dewberry Plantation is one of the only fully restored plantation houses in the State of Texas.

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# Obsequies

**Katie Rollison**

Funeral services were held for Katie Lee Rollison last Saturday afternoon, September 6, 2008, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where the pastor is Rev. Scott J. Scott.

Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Church, delivered the eulogy.

Interment was held in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Don Watley, Sammy Rogers, William Britt, Jr., Jerrold Johns, Kortney Mosley and LaCharr Glenn.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Rollison, Richard Rollison, III, Tashumbe Rollison, Michael Rollison, Rodrick Rollison, and Jeremy Moore.

She passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

She was born June 4, 1928 in Centerville, Texas to the late Simon and Caroline Young. She attended school in the Leon County School System. As a young woman, she moved to Lubbock where she immediately joined Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A. C. Johnson.

She possessed a tremendous respect in learning. She was a graduate of South Plains College with a degree in Early Childhood Education, and also attended Texas Tech University.

She held many positions with the Lubbock Independent School District including teaching in the Heads Start Program. Past accomplishments include being active member of the American Legion, Post #808, VISTA Volunteers, WIC, CWA, U Union, and secretary for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

She married the late Richard Rollison, Jr., and to this union



four children were born.

Her beloved husband, Richard, Pamela Sue, her youngest daughter, adoring parents, Simon and Caroline Young, loving brothers: Samuel, W.A., R Richard and James Ray, and devoted sister, Emma Rayford, preceded her in death.

She is survived by: her daughter, Carolyn; sons, Larry (Paula) and Richard, III; sisters: Ethel Young, Mary Cofield and Dr. Helen Young; brother, Simon Young; ten grandchildren: Tashumbe, Alissa "Lisa", Jeremy, Michael, La Trisha, Richard IV, Rodrick, Timethia, Ashley, and Taylor; eight great-grandchildren: Aslyiah, Aarielle, ALexus, AlyssaBeth, Cameron, Tayshawn, Shauntavia, and Antjuanique; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

**Dorothy J. Spencer Askew**



Graveside rites were held for Dorothy J. Spencer Askew on Tuesday morning, September 9, 2008, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home. She passed away Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

She was born October 10, 1950 in Hunt County, Texas to Raymond and Mary Spencer.

She is survived by two daughters, Shelia Mitchell and Doris (Patrick) Ward; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bennie (Roozvel) Russell, Jr. and Kathy (Bobby) Latty, Jr. of Abilene; two brothers, Ramon Spencer and Raymond (Mary) Spencer, Jr. of Midland; a special friend, Albert Williams of Fort Worth; a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father; son, Raymond Mitchell, Jr.; and her brother, Lawrence E. Spencer.

**ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY!!**

**Flora Hutchinson-Wright**



Funeral services were held last Saturday morning, September 6, 2008, for Mrs. Flora Myrtle Hutchinson Wright at the Corinth Baptist Church with Dr. U.C. Barnes as, senior pastor, officiating and Rev. Davy K. Wright, message orator.

She was born in Waxahachie on August 24, 1925 to Preston and Orvella (Chatman) Hutchinson. She graduated from Hubbard High School in 1941.

She passed away Monday, September 1, 2008, in Temple.

She was the aunt of Hillary S. Hutchinson, Jr. of Lubbock who attended the funeral services.

She was also the sister of the late H. S. Hutchinson, Sr.

**Health Opportunities**

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**Funeral Services Set For Ms. Kitty**

Funeral services for Norma Jean Baker Thomas Davis, known as 'Ms. Kitty' will be held tomorrow afternoon, Friday, September 12, 2008, beginning at 1:00 p. m.

Interment will be held at the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Thursday, September 4, 2008, at Covenant Hospital.

She is survived by her two sisters, Gladys Thompson, Pauline, both of Lubbock and Mary Brown of Dallas; grandchildren: Vincent Lewis, Takeasha Lewis, Khiana Thomas, Castelle Thomas.

**Thank God**  
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We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brother. He that loves not his brother abides (dwells) in death.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

**SURELY WE CAN DO THINGS DIFFERENT! THIS N THAT** ... was elated to see the number of young people who were selected to serve as **LUBBOCK AREA UNITED WAY LOAN EXECUTIVES** ... but is disappointed about the lack of **BLACK REPRESENTATIVES** ... to serve in this capacity. These men and women chosen are from the **HISPANIC & ANGLO COMMUNITIES** ... and are outstanding men and women of Lubbock representing outstanding companies and organizations of Lubbock ... but surely there are **LUBBOCK BLACKS** ... who have the same qualifications as these. Hopefully ... our good friend **WAYNE HAVENS** ... Superintendent of the Lubbock Public Schools ... who serves as the 2008 Campaign Chairman ... will pass this on to the Board of Directors of the Lubbock United Way. Over the years ... the

Lubbock United Way has made many outstanding contributions to the citizens of Lubbock ... and ... hopefully ... they will take note of this lack of sensitivity ... about the need of diversity in all aspects of life in Lubbock. **THIS N THAT** ... has severed as a **LOAN EXECUTIVE** ... and found it to be a very positive program for all in attendance as it allowed one to learn the **WORKINGS OF THE LUBBOCK UNITED WAY**. Anyway ... hopefully ... there will be a positive representative of **BLACKS** ... serving as a **LOAN EXECUTIVE** ... for the **LUBBOCK UNITED WAY 2008 CAMPAIGN**. It just makes good sense to have **REPRESENTATION FROM ALL CITIZENS OF LUBBOCK!!!** **PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! THIS N T HAT** ... is asking for the help of **ALL PARENTS** ... to help in finding out who set

**FIRE** ... of a bus shelter ... located at the corner of **EAST 28TH STREET & IVORY AVENUE** ... last Thursday afternoon ... September 4, 2008. Apparently these young fellows set it on fire ... and then sought **CITIBUS** ... Surely someone has an idea who was responsible for this incident. Therefore ... if there are those in the community who has knowledge of those apparently responsible ... for this incident should be reported to local authorities. **THIS N THAT** ... is well pleased with the quick action taken by **CITIBUS** ... to clean up this situation so those citizens who ride **CITIBUS** ... to and from their home and work station. So ... if there are **PARENTS** ... who have knowledge about this incident ... please contact local authorities. Remember ... this shelter has been provided for those riders of **CITIBUS** ...

## THINK ABOUT IT!

### Black ON Black Crime !!

by Eddie P. Richardson

In the 1930's and 1940's Blacks fled the south and headed to the North and East to freedom. When they find it was from Jim Crow and White Supremacy. Go to any major city today now in the North or East and the same Blacks are fleeing those areas, going back down home, running from the Black street muggers and gangs, member.

It is funny the thing they are running away from is the opposite of why they left home in the beginning. They were fleeing the Whites, but return fleeing from blacks. It is

funny thing down home were not so bad any more. The dope and low morals and criminal elements have reached the south. Drugs affect even the small Southern towns and communities and crime but not like the major northern and eastern cities. The solution to the Black on Black crime problem is for us to generate more community pride, unity and a sense caring for all of us. A good friend of mine Al Edwards always says, "Being a good neighbor for you are your brothers keeper." We have become so selfish, so

These young fellows ... must understand that this could bring about a **FEDERAL INVESTIGATION** ... since federal funds are used to fund **CITIBUS!! THIS N THAT** ... wants these young fellows to know the **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)** ... could be looking for them!

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



**maneuvers**, it seemed that for a short while, the doomsayers had nothing to say and most of their predictions about trouble at the convention due to the unhappy Clinton supporters and the lack of unity was put to rest as the Democratic Party put forth a united front to disappoint those whom would rejoice in their predictions.

Unfortunately, the threat of a category 5 hurricane, Gustav, came on the end of the Democratic Convention as soon as John McCain announced that the Governor of Alaska was chosen as his Vice Presidential running mate. Is there something to read into this? It seems that McCain's choice was based on the fact that Hillary Clinton was not chosen as the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate. How unfortunate! Mrs. Palin is no Hillary Clinton and she is a Republican. If party allegiance is followed, he should never had counted on choosing a female hoping to lure the Clinton supporters. They are mostly women and the percentage of an increase in his camp would probably not be very significant. They did not get Hillary the majority of the primary votes, so why does he feel that they are important? Of course, since Mrs. Palin is of childbearing age, there definitely is an age advantage. His age is a prohibiting factor and her age is an advantage for the ticket.

If McCain/Palin can shake the Bush Administration history and ongoing failures, withdraw much of its really tasteless political advertisements, eliminate

racism, ethnicity and gender from their campaigns, this can be a very interesting election outcome. As Americans, we need to get 'in cinque' and watch closely, take and compare notes and weigh our options for posterity before we cast that precious vote on November 4, 2008. But by all means, we need to **VOTE** and if we are not registered, do so, this week, in order to be able to **VOTE** in November.

**LISD board to consider teacher prep classes at Thursday meeting Lubbock Avalanche-Journal**

The Lubbock Independent School District board on Thursday will consider agreements on teacher preparation classes with local universities and South Plains College.

The board renews the agreements annually with Lubbock Christian University, Texas Tech, South Plains College and Wayland Baptist University, according to the district. Classes take place on LISD campuses and shared space between the district, South Plains College and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, according to the district.

**Southwest Digest Apologizes For Family Photo Of Sen. Barack Obama**

The Southwest Digest wants to take time and space to apologize for running the photo in last week's edition, September 4, 2008, showing a negative posture of Senator Barack Obama's family. It was not the intent to portray this posture of a Black man who may be elected the President of the United States of America.

This photo came off the internet, and it is one example of what is being done to discredit his candidacy. He has made an outstanding contribution, and will still be standing tall when election day comes on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Let us all vote for this man

### Jackson Five members reunite - September 5, 2008



*Let's see. There's Marlon, Tito, Jackie and Randy Jackson flanking sister Janet as the famed brotherly act scored the BMI Icon Award Thursday in L.A. Even LaToya was on hand in the audience. That still left the reunion a couple icons short. Jerraine was MIA, as was a certain King of Pop. Make that the King of Party Pooping. Asked of Michael's whereabouts, Marlon cracked: "I think he's in Egypt riding a camel or something"*

### The HIP-HOP SUMMIT YOUTH COUNCIL (HSYC)

The HIP-HOP SUMMIT YOUTH COUNCIL (HSYC), founded in 2001 by music industry veteran, community activist, author and Youth Council Chairman Charles Fisher, is a non-profit organization located in Queens, New York. In just its first two years HSYC has positioned itself to become an effective voice for youth on a host of issues that confront them daily. Their goal is to "change the game" through improving the image and unity within the multi-billion dollar Hip-Hop industry by using its positive influence for the social, political and economic empowerment of youth. Since its inception the Council has sponsored Nine Hip-Hop Youth Summits along with a host of programs, projects and activities that support our mission

who will make an outstanding contribution to the United States of America.

Again, the co-publishers and staff of the Southwest Digest apologize for this mistake!

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## Chatman Hill Residents Will Meet Today!

The members of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association will meet this evening, Thursday, September 11, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the Ella R. Bes Elementary School Cafeteria.

According to a spokesperson, a special guest speaker will appear on the program with valuable information for all who reside in the Chatman Hill Addition.

The members of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association want to thank The CH Foundation for their generous donations to LUNA's Newsletter Program. Because of

this support, the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association and other associations benefit tremendously from this special effort.

So, if you reside in the Chatman Hill Neighborhood, make this evening a part of your evening.



### Parkway PTA Spaghetti Supper and Family Fun Night



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"These challenges are not all of government's making. But the failure to respond is a direct result of a broken politics in Washington and the failed presidency of George W. Bush," he said.

Obama said he was setting a goal "for the sake of our economy, our security and the future of our planet," of ending dependence on oil from the Middle East in ten years.

Playing on Bush's assertion in his 2007 State of the Union address that the nation was "addicted" to foreign oil, Obama said, "Now is the time to end this addiction."

Obama also sought to ease any concerns Americans might have that he was not prepared to be commander in chief or that Democrats were not as trustworthy as Republicans on national security.

"We are the party of Roosevelt. We are the party of Kennedy. So don't tell me that Democrats won't defend this country. Don't tell me that Democrats won't keep us safe," Obama said.

"The Bush-McCain foreign policy has squandered the legacy that generations of Americans — Democrats and Republicans — have built, and we are to restore that legacy," he said.

"As commander in chief, I will never hesitate to defend this nation, but I will only send our troops into harm's way with a clear mission and a sacred commitment to give them the equipment they need in battle and the care and benefits they deserve when they come home," he said.

Obama's convention finale blended old-fashioned speech-making, Hollywood-quality stagework and innovative,

Internet-age politics.

One day after becoming the first black man to win a major party presidential nomination, Obama was delivering the most important speech of his irreplaceable candidacy, a prime-time address to an estimated 75,000 inside Denver's NFL stadium and uncounted millions watching at home on television.

Obama pledged a direct conversation with voters about the choice between Obama, a 47-year-old Illinois senator, and his Republican rival, Sen. McCain of Arizona, who is turning 72 this week.

In an audacious move, McCain worked to steal at least a portion of the political spotlight by stoking speculation that his selection of a vice presidential running mate was imminent. An aide said McCain had made his decision, and one man on the short list, Gov. Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, canceled all public appearances, raising attention even higher.

By happenstance, the evening coincided with the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

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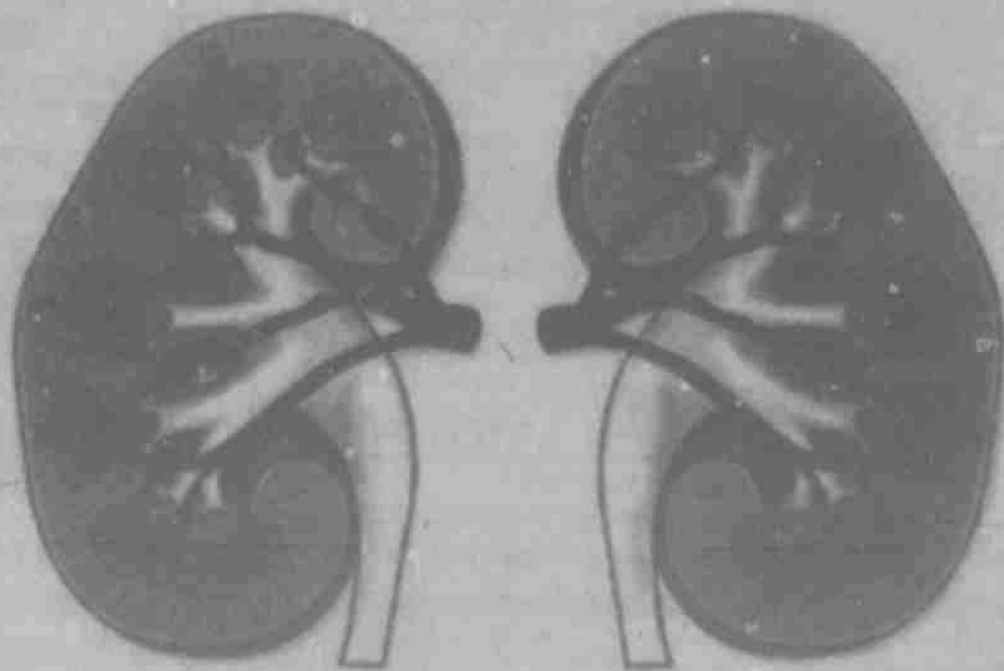
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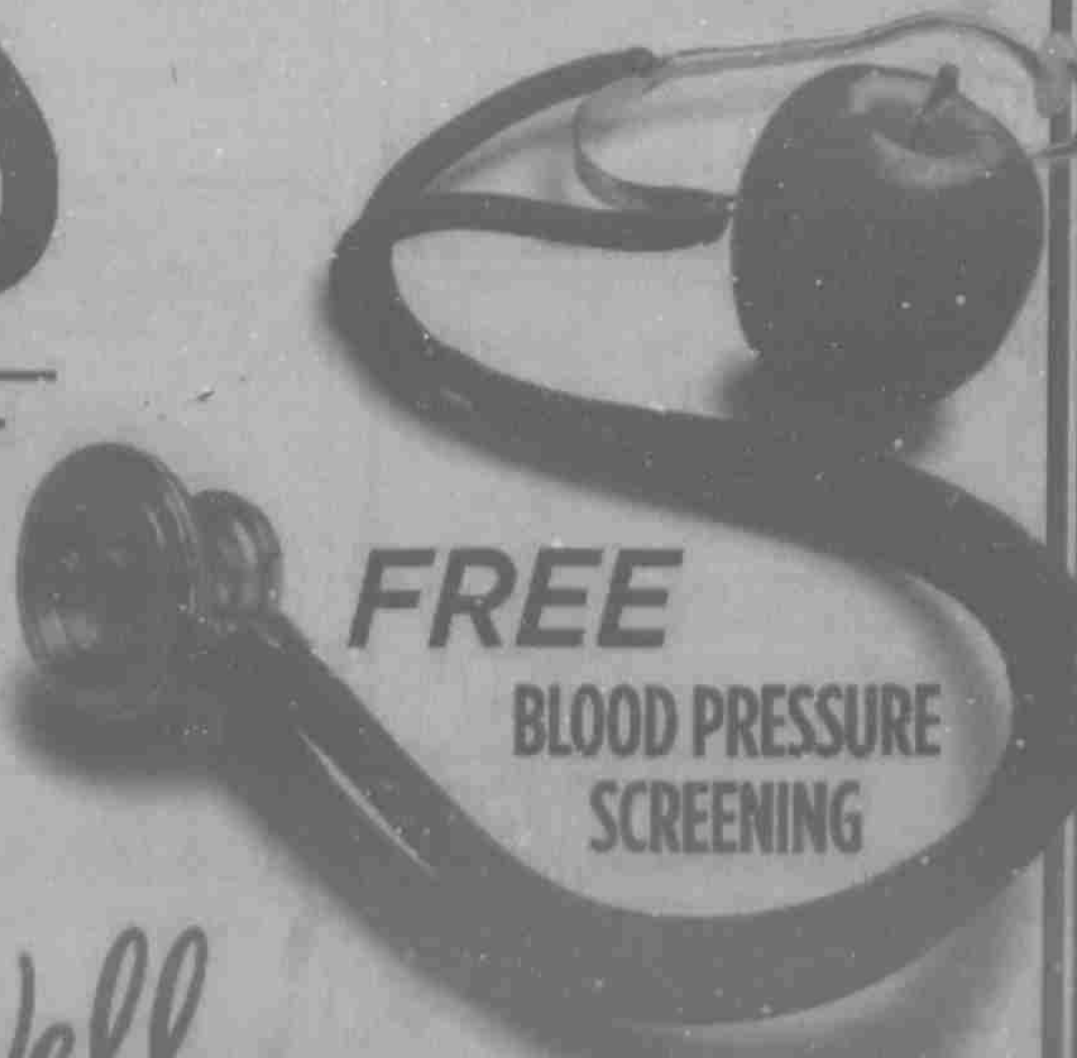
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