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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 Monday of each month, from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815

Lubbock Area Choir Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patricia Branch Library

Hill City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1704 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

Foghorn 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 Meekat 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 Post Lack Sopper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentation and demonstrations.

Texas Intercultural Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patricia 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 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center

The Parkway & Cherry-Past Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria

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Off To State Competition!



The 2009 Lady Matadors



This afternoon, Thursday, March 5, 2009, the Estacado High School Lady Matadors will be playing the Robinson High School girls of Waco in a 3A semifinal game at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Robinson High School has a record of 32-5 and the Lady Matadors has a record of 23-13. The Estacado High School Lady Matadors defeated Cooper High School last Saturday afternoon by a score of 60-58 in Region 1-3A Championship at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

The Lady Matadors who were selected to the Region 1-3A All-Tournament Team were Brittany Johnson, Senior, Twyla Ards, Senior and Nikendra Sylvester, Senior.

The State 3-A Championship game will be played Saturday morning, March 7, 2009, at the Erwin Center at 10:00 a. m.

Honores for 7th Annual Celebration At Bobbie Gene & T. J. Patterson Branch Library

The Honorees of the 7th Annual African American History Month Celebration at the Bobbie Gene & T. J. Patterson Branch Library on Saturday afternoon, February 27, 2009, were African American businessess which have made a tremendous contribution to Lubbock.

They are as follows: Cavie's Pharmacy, 1719 Avenue A, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Cavie, owners; 49 years of service and dedication. Paul's Barber Shop, 1528 East 19th Street, Mr. George Paul, 45 years of service and dedication.

Givens Real Estate, 820 MLK Blvd., Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Givens, 44 years of service and dedication.

Ossie Curry Funeral Home, 1805 MLK Blvd., Mr. Ossie Curry, 40 years of service and dedication.

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East 28th Street, 31 years of service and dedication, 31 years of service and dedication.

SL & L Hair Salon, 2625 East Auburn Avenue, Ms. Shirley Cleveland, 29 years of service and dedication.

Those in attendance expressed their thanks and appreciation for those men and women who have dedicated their lives in Lubbock.

"They have made Lubbock a

much better place for all of us who live here," says Theresa Williams.

Two Lubbock citizens received flowers from the effort, because of their dedication to Lubbock. They were Ms. Vivian Cooke and Mr. Curtis Gipson. Both are retired educators from the Lubbock Public Schools. Mr. Gipson has recently retired from his barber shop, Gipson's Barber Shop.

Former Lubbock Resident Succumbs In Mississippi

The Southwest Digest received word from Mrs. Renetta Howard that her husband Roscoe Howard, succumbed in Port Gibson, Mississippi on Tuesday morning, March 3, 2009.

He was a former resident of

Lubbock, and a graduate of Dunbar High School in 1954.

Mr. Howard was a longtime member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he served as an usher and sang in the male chorus.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, March 10, 2009, at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. Soma J. Scott, pastor, will officiate.

Mr. Howard was well known and respected among the citizens of Lubbock. A more detailed story will appear next week's issue.

Wallace (girl) and Jovon Anderson (boy), last week. The Southwest Airlines and the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport sponsored an art contest with entries by Lubbock Independent School District middle schools and high schools.

In conjunction with the City of Lubbock Centennial, all submitted art was centered on Lubbock's heritage, history and culture, giving students the freedom to be creative in their work. Artist with the best 15 entries were flown to Dallas, courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to tour the Dallas Museum of Art on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. The winning entries will be on display at Lubbock airport through the months of November and December.

EHS Students In Dallas For Art Presentation

Two of the students who attended the program in honor of the 100th birthday of the City of Lubbock, were I'isha



The EHS art students at the airport are I'isha Wallace (girl) and Jovon Anderson (boy). Their teacher is Jennifer Cox.



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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Declaring "I have come to speak to you about how the war in Iraq will end," President Barack Obama on Friday moved to fulfill the defining promise of his campaign, saying all U.S. combat troops will be withdrawn by the end of August 2010.

But in the same speech before Marines and military leadership here, he announced that the vast majority of those involved in the pullout will not leave this year. Obama also said that tens of thousands of U.S. personnel will remain behind afterward.

"The most important decisions that have to be made about Iraq's future must now be made by Iraqis," the president said at the sprawling Camp Lejeune, N.C., base, which is about to deploy thousands of troops to the U.S.'s other war front, in Afghanistan.

Senior Obama administration officials had said earlier that of the roughly 100,000 U.S. combat troops to be pulled out of Iraq over the next 18 months, most will remain in the war zone through at least the end of this year to ensure national elections there go smoothly. The pace of withdrawal means that although Obama's promised pullout will start soon, it will be backloaded, with most troops returning in the last few months of the time frame.

And even after the draw-down, a sizable U.S. force of 35,000 to 50,000 U.S. troops will stay in Iraq under a new mission of training, civilian protection and counterterrorism.

With most Americans telling

pollsters they believe the long, costly, divisive war was a mistake and more than 4,250 Americans killed there, the Aug. 31, 2010 end date for Iraq war combat operations is slower than Obama had promised voters as a candidate. The timetable he pledged then would have seen combat end in May 2010.

Regardless, it is a hastened exit, something Obama called a necessity, both for the future of Iraq and to allow the U.S. to refocus its attention more firmly on Afghanistan.

"America can no longer afford to see Iraq in isolation from other priorities we face the challenge of refocusing on Afghanistan and Pakistan; of relieving the burden on our military, and of rebuilding our struggling economy and these are challenges that we will meet," he said.

Obama applauded the military for its role in an improved situation in Iraq, where violence is down significantly in Baghdad and most of Iraq and U.S. military deaths have plunged.

He also acknowledged that many problems remain in the country and said "there will be difficult days ahead." Those include violence that will remain "a part of life," political instability and fundamental unresolved questions, a large displaced and destitute citizenry, tepid support for Iraq's fragile government in the neighborhoods and the stress of declining oil revenues.

But, the president said the U.S. cannot continue to try to solve all Iraq's problems.

Living Legends In Lubbock Recognized

The following Lubbock citizens were recognized at the 16th Annual African American History Bowl as "Living Legends."

Those recognized are Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Alexander, Ms. Vickie Kyle Berry, Rev. Larry Brooks, Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Garcia, Mr. Jerry Gray, Ms. Nora Hutchinson, Ms. Joan Crawford Jones, Ms. Celestine Kyle, Mr. Anthony Peppers, Mr. Eddie Richardson, Ms. Katherine Richardson, Ms. Lena Mae Sheffield, Bishop William H. Watson, Ms Mary Jo Wilson, and Mr. O. Woodard.

"We cannot rid Iraq of all who oppose America or sympathize with our adversaries," he said. "We cannot police Iraq's streets until they are completely safe, nor stay until Iraq's union is perfected. We cannot sustain indefinitely a commitment that has put a strain on our military, and will cost the American people nearly a trillion dollars."

He emphasized that an end to the war does not mean the U.S. plans to withdraw from its interests in the region. He promised intensified diplomatic and humanitarian efforts.

"The end of the war in Iraq will enable a new era of American leadership and engagement in the Middle East," Obama said.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs will celebrate 56 years of services in Lubbock on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2009, at the Estacado High School Auditorium, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Persons interested in participating in the Mass Choir are invited to attend practice sessions on March 9 & 16, 2009 at the Community Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A Choir Workshop will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19, 20 & 21,

2009, at the Community Baptist Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"We are looking forward to an outstanding celebration as we praise God for another year," says Ms. Bennie Sims, president.

There will be a Free Information Session for those of the community who are interested in making plans for a summer vacation. It will be held Saturday afternoon, March 7, 2009, at the Theodore Phea

Boys and Girls' Club, 1801 East 24th Street, beginning at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Sonya at (806) 765-7533.

The Women Missionary Society's Annual Day will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Sister Pat Paige is president, and Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

The Estacado High School Lady Matadors basketball team will face the Robinson Rockettes in game two of Session 2 of the State Semifinals Thursday, March 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Austin at the University of Texas Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River, (512) 471-7744. Tickets are \$10.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 1, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B.R. Moton.

Services got underway at 11:11 a.m. with the Praise Team pray for the leaders & official staff of our country. Continue to keep the Obama family in prayer.

Scripture For Week. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit. Teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you and remember I am with you always to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19 & 20

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 1, 2009, church services were well held attended at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled "A New Spirit Of Hope." With the text coming from Ezekiel 11:14-21.

Question to ask "What is your understanding of a new life and plan to share with others?"

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted, committed, and trustworthy Praise Team leading the way. What an exciting and uplifting spiritual job they did.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith", and truly, we have come thus far by our faith and trusting and leaning on the Lord.

The responsive reading came

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30, and was read by Rev. Lee. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing.

Sis. Rochelette Hood told of all the morning announcements, acknowledged all the birthdays and talked about all the upcoming 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 "God Is Good" and "No Ways Tired." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "Jesus The Cure For The World's Ills." After the sermon a song was sung by the congregation entitled "Oh How I Love Jesus."

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several who came went up for prayer. Sis Ann Mosley acknowledged the visitors that was present for the day.

Pray for all the church members in each congregation who needs a healing. Pray for those who have lost a love one and

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



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

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

Church of the Blessed

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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

6 MUST WEAR STYLES

Spring fashions are all about color, beautiful vibrant colors, colors that reach out and touch, head turners for sure. Designers make it easy for you to be in style.

Six fashion tips to remember this season... think color, no such thing as too bright, most popular colors are... hot pink, blues in every shade, orange, yellow, red and lime green. Ladies you have to think floral prints... choose from a bouquet of statement flower graphics, vintage floral prints and petal powered hues.

The perfect style tops are... scoop neck tees, v-band tees, camis, tanks and v-neck tees, these styles with a pair of your favorite roll-up capris makes a



great fashion statement. Grab a few of these styles in a bright color, and girlfriend you are ready to go. Easy to find, they are everywhere! FASHION TIP... ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE!! FASHION... JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!!

Blood Drive Set For Tra'Shun Robinson March 19th!

A young African American boy, Tra'Shun Robinson is a victim of Sickle Cell Anemia. The Cottage Village will sponsor a Blood Drive on Thursday morning, March 19, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., in the donor bus.

For an appointment, call Melissa @ (806) 799-4225 or www.bloodhero.com. The sponsor code: cottage.

By participating, someone will have an opportunity to win a \$200 Visa Gift Card.

Also, if you donate blood or get someone you know to donate, Cottage Village will feed you a piece of PIZZA!

Tra'Shun is a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church,



where Rev. Edward Canady is the pastor.

He is the son TyShuna Robinson and grandson of Rubby Robinson. Tyshuna is employed by Cottage Village.

Sister Dorothy Kimer, who is recuperating after a recent fall in her residence.

All blood donated will go for Tra'Shun Robinson.

This done in conjunction with the United Blood Services. Bring photo ID and donor card. Free Cholesterol Testing.

Let us not forget Brother Alfred Caviel, and the Clarence Ervin family. God is able!

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Centennial Contacts

The Lubbock Centennial Committee wants to connect with some essential links to Lubbock's history by setting up a contact list of former mayors, city council members and any living descendants of the city's elected officials.

Centennial Committee officials said the list is needed not only for history's sake, but to invite them to a luncheon on Monday, March 16th.

If you are a former city elected official, or know of someone who is a living relative of a former elected official, contact Patrick Aten at the Lubbock City Council Office. His telephone number is 775-2024.

SPC to offer Construction Safety Course March 12-13

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer a 10-hour Construction Safety and Health Course March 12-13 at the SPC Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock. The cost of the two-day course is \$230 and the course will be taught from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Construction Safety and Health Course is designed for construction workers, foremen, job supervisors or anyone involved in the construction industry. Participants will receive a course completion certificate and card from OSHA.

The SPC Institute for Safety and Risk Management Training offers training programs that help create a safer workplace and assists in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations and standards.

For more information, contact Gary Cloud, director of Contract Training at SPC, at (806) 716-4603.

Happy 100th Birthday, Lubbock, Texas USA!

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Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"A Fool In A Baalin Paradise"

Saturday, February 28, 2009, I was visiting one of my preacher friends who has reached the middle nineties of his life and is striving to make a 100 years of age. He was born in a southern state where African American people were treated with less respect than a white man's dog.

Just as we sat down to chat, Rush Limbaugh appeared on CNN and was introduced to a cheering crowd of conservatives in the Republican Party called Conservative Political Action Committee, at its conference. The crowd was mostly young and energetically responded to Limbaugh as if he was the ancient Aryan god called Baal. This crowd reminded me of the song written and sung by the daughter of ancient African roots, titled, "I Pity the Fool!"

Merriam-Webster defines a "fool" as a person lacking judgment or prudence. The synonyms for a fool are donkey, doodle, idiot, imbecile, jackass, jerk, madman, nincompoop.

Related words for a fool are blockhead, dope, dummy, bird-brain, buffoon and clown.

In the opening moments of Limbaugh's Baal-like oration he told his whining and crying subjects longing for the good old Phoenician and Hittite like days to resist President Barack Obama's plans to expand government and not "think like a minority." This more than likely

was a coded statement. Limbaugh is definitely not "integer, vitae scelerisque purus!"

Thomas Schaller wrote "Limbaugh exhorted conservatives to stay upbeat, blasted the alleged socialist agenda of the "Democrat Party," and called out the new president, the one he hopes will fail. "President Obama: Your agenda is not new, it's not change, and it's not hope," Limbaugh thundered, to wild applause in the Omni Shoreham's packed Regency Ballroom, as overflow crowds in three of the hotel's other convention watched by live feed. "Spending a nation into generational debt is not an act of compassion." Conservatism itself, preached Limbaugh, was the sole bulwark against the frightening possibility of Obama destroying the Republican Party. "(Conservatism) is what it is and has been forever," he said. "It is not something you can bend or shape."

Limbaugh speech carried the tone of the demised Dixie-crats who wanted to rule Americans (all northern whites and house and field blacks) with their simple and inept ideology. Their finite minds could not grasp the reality that the bigoted South and the Confederacy they knew that enslaved the minds, hearts and souls of African Americans were part of a union that would

someday elect an African American president of the United States of America.

The clowns of mind and soul at the CPAC "lynching of America" need to get a grip or kiss their whatever goodbye. Just like their pre-ancestors fell under the rule of their Baalin God they will fall under the rule of law of the people who respect the laws and rules designed for all Americans.

The Limbaugh's, the Tom Delays, John Boehner's (U.S. House Republican Minority Leader) and the other fellows of the Aryan Baalin God need to keep in mind that "PAYBACK" could be worse than an act of the Biblical "Jezebel" when she cause the prophet Elijah to run and hide in a cave in fear of his life.

These God fearing, Bible packing, holy-than-thou on their way to white heaven Christians need to get real and come to themselves by realizing that we the people of the world (good-bad-indifferent) are God's children.

Happy 100th Birthday, Lubbock, Texas USA!



We Thank God for Jesus

"Christians Shacking!!!"

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

I Corinthians 6:19-20 - What? Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Christians are shacking, and they're doing it all the world. It's now in the Christian circles, even in the young BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

I John 2:15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

You hear things like, but times are so hard for me and my three children. To make ends meet, we moved in with my Christian boyfriend!!!

Philippians 4:19 - But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(That's what money is for, when they cry) WILL A MAN ROB GOD? And ask for tithes! The Christians are not suppose to be on welfare. But will A PREACHER ROB GOD? Buying big CARS, BIG HOUSES, DIAMOND RINGS, TRYING TO LOVE THE THINGS OF THE WORLD. Tithes are not under GRACE! BUT UNDER THE LAW! In

Deuteronomy 14:27-29, the tithe was for three class of people. In the storehouse, it was for the LEVITES; HAVE YOU SEEN ANY AROUND LATELY? The strangers, and the FATHERLESS OR ORPHANS AND THE WIDOWS. We have you seen many Levites today, but we have the OTHERS. And they can't get anything from the church today, because the STOREHOUSE IS THE PREACHER'S BANK ACCOUNT. How much tithe did JESUS GIVE? HE ONLY GAVE TO CAESAR. Jesus knew who gave SOCIAL SECURITY AND SSI to the people, Caesar, Jesus knew who would help the fatherless, Caesar. Many churches keep their monies to themselves).

Luke 19:46 - Jesus said, it is written, My house is the house of Prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.

***** YES, TITHING WILL ROB GOD!!! ***** Many shackers pay their tithes. AND SAY, THIS IS FOR THE LORD. And their Pastor says: WE'RE PRAISING GOD!!!

Amos 5:21-24 - The Lord said, I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though you offer me burnt offerings, I will not accept them, neither

will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take away the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your violas. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

***** YES, SHACKERS WILL ROB GOD!!! *****

Many shackers say they're saved, and they're SANTI-FIED. But the preachers want their money, and he's SATISFIED!!!

Ezekiel 3:18-20 - The Lord said, when I say unto the wicked, You shall surely die, and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked ways, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will require at your hands. Again, when a righteous man do turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him. He shall die, because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he had done shall not be remembered, but his blood will require at your hands.

The shackers think they're worshipping THE TRUE GOD. BUT GOD WANTS THE BEST FROM THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART!!!

Matthew 15:7-9 - Jesus

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "A New Spirit of Hope." The scripture text was Ezekiel 11:14-21. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and was reviewed by

Pastor Canady. The key verse was Ezekiel 11:19: "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit in this you, and I will take the strong heart out of their flesh, and I will give them an heart of flesh."

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

Johnson. 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 "Be Careful of The Choices We Make." His scripture text was Genesis 13:10-13.

The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 5:00 p. m.; Bible Study, 6:00 p. m.; Friday evenings, Choir

Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet each Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m.

Sister Annie Onasxanya read the morning announcements and welcomed all visitors last Sunday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of our church and community.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church will celebrate their 61st Church Anniversary Friday,

March 6, 2009 and Sunday afternoon, March 8, 2009. Friday evening's services will begin at 7:00 p. m. The Sunday afternoon services will start at 3:00 p. m. Our theme will be "God Is Love." St. John 3:16.

"Lord, give us grace to trust you when life's burdens seem too much to bear; dispel the darkness with new hope. And help us rise above despair."

Thought For The Week: "Trials make us think; thinking

makes us wise; wisdom makes life profitable."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church as our doors are always open. Just come and spend a Sunday morning with us. God is able!

Think of this: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." Proverbs 1:19.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Speaking On The Gift Of Teaching!"

God has given each believer at least one spiritual gift to build of Christ and to minister in our hurting world. If our gift is prophecy, we'll proclaim God's view of right and wrong. If it is service, we will desire to meet others' needs. The gift of teaching has these characteristics:

Organized: Whether in conversation or in a more formal setting, we will seek to communicate information. Clearly so the listener can follow. God has

wired us to analyze material and present it logically.

Thorough: We want others to understand not simply the conclusion, but the steps leading up to it. We also desire to help them think matters through.

Accurate: Our priority ority is to know the truth. So we ask questions in an attempt to validate the accuracy of what we learn. We will also inquire about the trustworthiness of our source of information. (Studious) We derive great delight from studying and

researching and are strongly motivated to share what we learn. Truth is presented not simply to share knowledge, but with the goal that God will transfer the hearer's life.

Bible Oriented: With t his gift comes strong desire to know what the Lord has to say, while we may recognize the value of others' experiences, reading about them is not our main concern. Nor are we especially

motivated by personal illustration. All of the spiritual gifts can be used in the work place, in our communities, and in our names. Allow the spirit to direct your ability for God's glory and others again.

Are you working in your spiritual gift??? "Be sure God gave it to you."

Thanks for reading, Saints! The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, March 7, 2009, in the

home of Delbert & Dorothy Hood, 2132 East 30th Street.

Come, you are invited at any time. We want you to join us!

So meeting to think about. Just as God is a covenant-keeping God for His people, we need to be a covenant-keeping people for God. Those who accept Christ and follow the biblical plan of salvation enter into God's new covenant daily. Every step we make, every word we speak, every breath we take is to be made in the light of our

covenant with God.

"O Lord God of covenant, may we keep Your new covenant in Christ as You have kept all covenants with us in the past. May we live up to the great name Christian that You have given to us. In Christ's great name. AMEN."

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

Hope to see you at the meeting on Saturday morning.

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Obsequies

Ruthie Mae Harris

Homegoing Celebration for Ruthie Harris was held February 20, 2009 at 11:00am at Avenue K Church of Christ, 3209 Ave. K, Fort Worth, Texas. Brother Adolphus Smith Officiating, Brother R. L. Clark, Eulogist Interment Cedar Hill Memorial Park Arlington, Texas.



Ruthie Mae Harris entered into this land January 19, 1947 Blessed to Reverend Cleophus Harris and Mrs. Dollie Mae Manners Harris in Lubbock, Texas. Ruthie was the second child of seven. She was a 1965 graduate from Paul Lawrence Dunbar Senior High School of Lubbock. During and after high school she studied to be a certified cosmetologist. She later became a certified nurse's aide and teacher's assistant. Ruthie retired after 29 years of service at the Birdville Independent school district in Haltom City, Texas.

The State Of Black America Ron Kirk is Fourth Obama Nominee to Owe Back Taxes



WASHINGTON - Another Obama administration nominee has tax troubles. This time, it's Ron Kirk, the president's choice to be U.S. trade representative. Kirk owes an estimated \$10,000 in back taxes from earlier in the decade and has agreed to pay them, the Senate Finance Committee said Monday.

The committee said the taxes arise from Kirk's handling of speaking fees he donated to a scholarship fund that he set up at his alma mater, and for his deduction of the full cost of season tickets to the Dallas Mavericks professional basketball team.

Kirk also agreed to make changes in his accounting of charitable deductions, including reducing the claimed value of a donated television from \$3,000 to \$1,500.

The former Dallas mayor is the fourth nominee by President Barack Obama to run into tax problems.

A third of the Senate voted against Tim Geithner's confirmation as treasury secretary after it was disclosed that he had to pay more than \$34,000 in back taxes and interest on income he made while working for the International Monetary Fund.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle then withdrew as a nominee to become Health and Human Services after it was disclosed that he failed to pay \$128,000 in taxes. Nancy Killefer, Obama's pick for chief performance officer, also bowed out amid tax problems.

White House spokesman Ben LaBolt said Kirk was working to clear up "a few minor issues" uncovered by the Senate committee. LaBolt expressed confidence that Kirk would be confirmed by the Senate.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., called Kirk "the right person for this job" and said in a statement he will try to have the nomination move through his panel quickly.

Kirk agreed to file an amended tax return this week, according to Baucus' office.

Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the top Republican on the committee, said through an aide that he is reserving judgment until the vetting process on Kirk is complete. Kirk is scheduled to testify at a confirmation hearing next Monday.

Kirk, who was Dallas mayor from 1995 to 2001, is a partner in the Dallas office of the Vinson & Elkins LLP law firm. He received \$556,740 from the firm last year and a total of \$460,265 from serving on the

called her Dollie Mae II because she was so much like Mom. One time when her parents were gone to the grocery store and were gone longer than expected, Ruthie's siblings began to say that they were hungry. Ruthie went to the cupboard and made them a salmon pie. Years later it was found as a recipe in a published cookbook. Ruthie possessed a great love for her family and with them shared many great moments that will forever be embedded within their hearts.

February 13, 2009 Ruthie drifted into a serene slumber and was awoken by the tender kiss of the prince of peace eternal. Those who wait to welcome her on across the Jordan is her father Rev. Cleophus Harris and her loving husband of 40 years Brother Billy Mack Harris Sr.

Those who are alive and remain here are: Her Mother, Dollie Mae Harris. Her legacy: Billy M. Harris, Jr. of Denver, Colorado; Lisa M. Harris; Todd M. Harris (Marlo) and Dan M. Harris all of Fort Worth, Texas. Her siblings: C.L. Harris and Thomas W. Harris both of Lubbock, Texas; Jossie Lethridge (Tommy), Clarissa Roberson (Ray), Doris Harris (Norris D), Helen Fitzgerald (Gerald), eleven grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a host of other relatives and friend.

Catherine Collier



Service will be 12 noon Friday, February 27, 2009, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

LeRoy Skief

Services for LeRoy Skief were held Saturday morning, February 28, 2009 at Christ Temple COGIC.

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

Skief, 60, of Lubbock passed away Monday, February 23, 2009.

LeRoy was born April 16, 1948 in Abernathy to the parentage of the late Isaiah Skief and Rosie Johnson Skief. He attended Dunbar High School and Texas Tech. He was inducted into the Army in 1969 and served in Vietnam. LeRoy worked for the Postal service for 29 years, until he retired in 2000.

He leaves to cherish his

Burial was held at Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Collier, 90, of Lubbock, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Heritage Oaks. She was born Oct. 13, 1918, in Atlanta, Texas, to the late Clarence and Celie Johnson. Catherine Collier was married to the late A.J. Collier, and moved to West Texas in 1950.

She leaves behind one daughter, Iteria Wilson of Lockhart, thirteen grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; and a host other relatives and friends.

Johnnie Goff



Dallas, Texas - Memorial services were held for Johnnie Goff Friday afternoon, February 20, 2009, at the Sandra Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Holmes officiating.

Interment was held in the National Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Sandra Clark Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Robert Goff, Jonathan Hutchins, John Thomas, Gregory Newman, John Hutchins, and John Newman.

Mr. Goff passed away Monday, February 9, 2009, in Oakland, California.

He was born September 22, 1934 in Anderson County, Texas. He was the son of Willie Mae and Johnnie Goff.

He graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock. He attended Huston-Tillotson College in Austin.

He joined the United States Army. After receiving an honorable discharge, he settled in San Francisco, California where he led a full and productive life.

He is survived by his sisters, Bernadine Newman, Mary Ann Hutchins and Joyce Goff, all of Texas; brothers, Bennie Goff and Robert Earl Goff, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and friends.

A special thanks to all who helped in this funeral service. May God bless all!

boards of PetSmart, Dean Foods and Brinker International, a restaurant company, according to financial disclosure reports released by the Obama administration.

His tax problems arise out of speaking fees that he routinely paid directly to Austin College to support a scholarship fund but did not list on his tax returns, according to the Finance Committee report.

The panel said Kirk should have listed the fees as income and claimed them as charitable donations.

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memory, his wife, Doris Johnson Skief; his daughters, Sabrina Skief, Stephanie Johnson, Charlotte Green (Marshall), and Felicia Skief; two adopted daughters, Tasha Mays and Yolonda Mitchison; one brother, Isaiah Skief, Jr. (Helen); three sisters, Jessie Johnson, Fannie Hayes, and Annie Sidberry (Sid); 13 grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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market places they should be the leader ship and inative must come from us within the community working with others but taking the leadership role working with others their resources their advice their cooperation and advice working with us to make our communities competitive with our goods and service at the market place To change attitude of our young people they need to see some one who looks like them they need to see mechanics, plumbers, police, jewelers, painters, bankers, lawyers, contractors, male teachers, art-

tist, our young people need to see people that look like them in places that display apositive out look at the work place and community, we are well represented in the sports world good, but our horizons should be reaching for higher goals. We should all look to the rainbow and not the hazy clouds, reach for the stars, and always wear a big smile and keep apositive mental attitude when you wear a smile and keep a positive mental attitude your results and rewards will will always be fruitful and positive

the efforts made by both basketball teams in 2009 ... as the ... **LADY MATADORS** ... are playing ... **ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL** ... of Waco. ... **THIS N THAT** ... is wishing them the ... **VERY**

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by Renetta Howard



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Children are our future and too often couples without children spend many lonely days and nights alone should they have to part with each other. Loneliness is not good for anyone. No one should be alone. Sometimes a good animal as a pet can take the place of loneliness. Most doctors will tell anyone that it is not good to be alone. It is when one really is alone that there is the realization of what loneliness really is.

In this technological society with everyone talking and walk-

ing and driving and talking can we really see and understand that we do not want or need to be alone. There are about as many cell phones in the United States now as there are people who can talk. Loneliness is the reason we talk so much. We are trying not to be alone. Sometimes talking brings others closer to us and for a short while, we do not feel alone. We all need to get 'in cinque' and do our part to put enough love into the world to make certain that we are not alone.

SPC Livestock Team shines in San Antonio contest

LEVELLAND - The South Plains College Livestock Judging Team racked up numerous awards recently at the 60th annual San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. The team finished second in the sheep division, third in swine, fourth in reasons and sixth overall.

Individual awards were presented to Chance Neff of San Angelo and Isaiah Flores of Crosbyton, sheep Jordan Lovett of Llano received individual recognition in both the swine and reasons categories. Other teammates Nickelynn Withers of Midland and Peyton Wilde of Wall contributed to the outstanding day of judging.

The SPC team competed in Fort Worth on Feb. 4 at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. South Plains College captured the top honors in the sheep division. Contestants Flores and Neff finish second and fourth, respectively, in the sheep division.

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Thank God For Jesus

Continued from Page 3. ... said, you hypocrites, will did e-sai as prophesy of you, saying, t his people draws near unto me with their mouth, and honours me with t heir lips, but t heir heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

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On Thursday, the Lubbock City Council approved the rate change which will take effect March 1. The recent vote allows LP&L to continue its tradition of providing the lowest rates in Lubbock.

"We are excited to share this news with our customers in view of the current economic situation. Thanks to fuel costs dropping, we are able to lower our rates and continue to offer

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When a residential customer using 1000kWh of electricity per month compares their February 2009 bill to their March 2009 bill, they will see fuel charges drop an average of \$20.02. If fuel prices remain stable, LP&L expects customers to keep seeing these savings monthly until June 2009 when the savings will change to \$15.36 per month.

In addition to this reduction, LP&L's Home Owned Electric Discount applied to each rate class will remain in effect, ensuring that all LP&L electric customers will have the lowest electric bill in the Lubbock mar-

ket. LP&L is a municipally owned entity of the City of Lubbock that is separately governed by an electric utility board. LP&L has more than 240 employees working toward generating and distributing electrical service for Lubbock residents. The electric company serves more than 76 percent of the electric market in Lubbock.

Loosely-based on the stage production of the same name, *Madea Goes to Jail* just might be Tyler Perry's best endeavor to date. The film stars Tyler, back in drag, as the sassy, pistol-packing Mable "Madea" Simmons, heading a talented ensemble which includes Viola Davis, Derek Luke, Jon Overman, Keisha Knight Pulliam and David and Tamela J. Mann.

The cast also features an incredible number of celebrity cameos, most notably, Dr. Phil, and TV Judges Greg Mathis and Mablean Ephraim; not to mention Reverend Al Sharpton, comedian Steve Harvey, DJs Tom Joyner and Michael Baisden, CNN news anchor

Tony Harris, and The View talk show hosts Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Sherri Shepherd and Elisabeth Hasselbeck. Fortunately, balancing all the egos never gets in the way of making a hilarious flick, for the finished product is a rollicking roller coaster that ought to be fun for the whole family.

At the point of departure, we find Madea in front of Judge Mablean who lets the hell-raising granny off with a slap on the wrist and a stern warning for leading police on a high-speed freeway chase. Instead of landing behind bars, she is ordered to undergo treatment for anger management with Dr. Phil. While on the coach, she and the shrink engage in a hilarious exchange reminiscent of Abbott and Costello's classic "Who's on First?"

Needless to say, the therapy doesn't work, and Madea goes berserk again when a customer steals her parking spot at the mall. After wrecking the woman's car with a forklift, Madea is arrested again but ends up this time in front of a very incensed Judge Mathis who decides to teach her a lesson with a sentence of 5-10 years.

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Movie Review: Madea Goes To Jail



Tyler Perry is a master at making modern morality plays which address an array of concerns of the African-American community. What makes his films feel so authentic is that his characters invariably reflect black culture in a manner which

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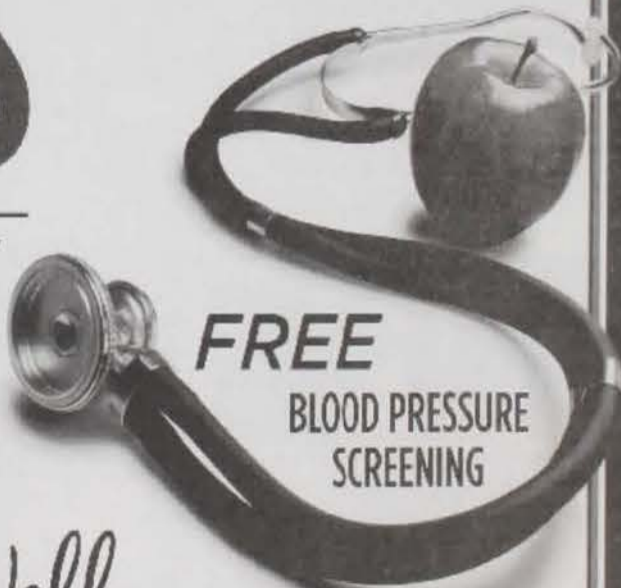
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Michael Jackson Seeks Comeback in London



Michael Jackson

LONDON (AP) — Michael Jackson is making his first live appearance in years, but will it still be a thriller?

The King of Pop is due to meet the press at a London concert arena this week to announce the mother of all comebacks - a string of concerts that organizers hope will net the financially troubled star millions.

But after years of erratic behavior, health fears, child-abuse allegations and money woes, is the once-golden Jackson brand tarnished beyond repair?

"Because of what's happened to him and how he's lived his life over the last 20 years, he's made it very difficult for people to out themselves as Michael Jackson fans," British music writer and broadcaster John Aizlewood said Wednesday. "These concerts are a huge opportunity for rehabilitation."

Jackson, 50, flew into London by private jet Tuesday ahead of a "special announcement" Thursday afternoon at the city's O2 Arena. It is widely expected he will announce a string of up to 30 dates at the domed arena beside the River Thames, which holds up to 20,000 people. It has become a venue of choice for big-name

acts and comeback performers. Britney Spears is due to play there for eight nights in June, Prince did a 21-day series of shows at the arena in 2007, and Led Zeppelin played a one-off reunion gig there the same year.

If organizers hope to see a return of the fan frenzy that once followed Jackson everywhere, they may be disappointed. Only a handful of people joined the packs of press photographers and camera crews Wednesday outside Jackson's London hotel - and several of those said they were seeking autographs to sell on eBay.

But even if Jacksonmania is a diminished force, his comeback would be a huge event.

One of the best-selling artists of all time, Jackson has sold more than 750 million albums and won 13 Grammy awards. "Thriller," released in 1982, is still the best-selling album of all time.

Jackson has not released a studio album or played a full concert since 2001. His last major tour was the HIStory World Tour in 1996-1997.

Since then, Jackson's ever-changing appearance and erratic behavior have often overshadowed his music.

He was arrested in 2003 on

A FOCUS ON ADAM'S RIB

"I am to be dressed up and not beaten down."

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept, and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man." Genesis 2:21-22

We, the members of the MOTHER DOROTHY TERRELL MISSION CIRCLE, do hereby invite all MALE & FEMALE members ages 10 years - 100 years plus of your congregation, neighborhood, and/or community to help us celebrate and understand. The workshop, "A FOCUS ON ADAM'S RIB" will take place Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 10:30 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. Lunch will be served and prizes will be given away as well.

We ask everyone in attendance to give a donation of \$9.00. Do not stay away if you do not have the \$9.00 donation. Give as the Lord has blessed you.

This workshop is focusing on the importance of women and how we must all take pride in ourselves. To help young and mature women understand their worth to God and mankind. Our hope is to inspire others to know they are worthy of a safe, secure, and spirit-filled life. One of love, laughter, peace, security, and understanding.

It seems as if so many women have forgotten their importance in life and have started thinking and living, that it is okay for our boyfriends, husband, acquaintances, and/or family to walk on us literally,

child-molestation charges and acquitted in 2005 after a trial in California. Since then he has traveled the world, spending time in Ireland, France and the Gulf state of Bahrain.

His last live performance in Britain was at the 2006 World Music Awards. He was scheduled to perform "We Are the World" but only managed a few lines before leaving the stage.

He has struggled to pay his debts after his financial empire crumbled following his arrest. Last year he was forced to give up the deed to Neverland, his 2,500-acre (1,000 hectare) ranch and miniature amusement park in California.

In November, Jackson reached an undisclosed settlement with a Bahraini prince who had brought a \$7 million breach of contract suit against him.

In April, Jackson will auction more than 2,000 personal items from Neverland, including platinum and gold records, a customized Harley Davidson and a Rolls Royce limousine.

His health is rumored to be as precarious as his finances. He often looks gaunt in photographs, and rumors of his condition have ranged from lung disease to an infection acquired during nose surgery.

Bookmaker William Hill is already taking bets on whether Jackson will show up for his first gig. It is offering 5/1 odds that he won't, and spokesman Graham Sharpe anticipates brisk business.

Madea Goes To Jail Review

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Joshua Hardaway (Luke) who is engaged to Linda (Overman), a bourgeois colleague who doesn't understand why he might care about rehabilitating Candy (Pulliam), a former girlfriend who has turned to streetwalking. With the help of a prison minister (Davis), Josh does his best to get his ex the help she needs anyway, a decision which destabilizes his once solid relationship. Everything comes to a head when Madea and Candy cross paths in a correctional facility, leading to tidy resolution which not only ties loose ends but elicits a few tears.

Remember to stay for the closing credits, for some bonus badinage between Madea and Dr. Phil.

SPC Livestock

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The team finished fifth in cattle as well as in the top 10 in the swine and horse divisions. Neff and Wilde received honors in the top 10 overall standings helping the team obtain a sixth place finish. Withers and Leverett also contributed to the teams' success.

The SPC team also completed a successful run at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., in January. SPC finished 10th in the overall standings after earning a sixth place finish in the carload judging contest. Contestants were asked to place four pens of four cattle bases upon quality and overall uniformity.

"Our last contest will be held in Houston on March 18," said Cade-Wilson, SPC Livestock Judging Team coach. "The team's spirits are good, and I look forward to capping off a very successful year with a competitive finish in Houston! The team has worked extremely hard to be in the position they are in. I feel that their hard work and dedication will truly pay dividends for their success in the future."

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physically and emotionally.

We pray all would come join us in celebrating "Women" in and around our community, churches, homes, and jobs to "RISE" up and know "I AM SOMEONE SPECIAL, BECAUSE GOD CREATED ME AND HE DOESN'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES."

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May God continue to bless each of you until we see you on Saturday morning, March 28, 2009. Remember, He will make a way, no matter what!



Congressional Black Caucus chair Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., at microphone, talks to reporters outside the White House following a meeting with President Obama.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama reassured members of the Congressional Black Caucus that he's on their side and will do what he can to support the group's left-leaning agenda, lawmakers said Thursday after an hour-long session at the White House.

Nearly all the group's 42 members attended. Noticeably absent was Illinois Sen. Roland Burris, Obama's replacement who is fending off calls to resign.

The lawmakers — all Democrats — said the reception was a welcome change from the

tenure of former President George W. Bush, who held several cordial meetings with black lawmakers but rarely agreed with them on substance.

"There is no comparison," said Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland. "(Obama) basically assured us that having been a member of the Congressional Black Caucus... that he gets the issues and will do everything he can to work with us."

Lawmakers said they presented Obama with a wish-list covering a broad range of topics, many of them economic issues affecting their districts.

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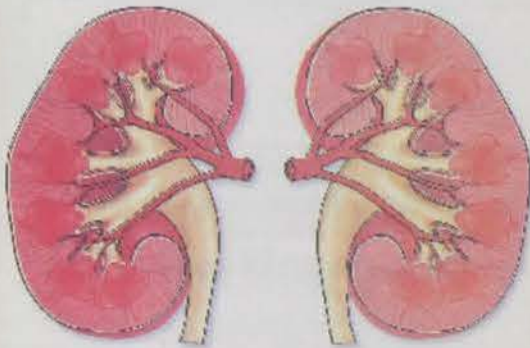
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