

# Bless America





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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.

- Hub City Kowania moets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

- Lubbook Chapter of Black Ahmmi moets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm TTU Merket Alumni Center

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### The Rise of the State NAACP in Texas

The organizers of the State nference of NAACP branch Conference of NAAC response to the first to espouse the NAACP's program of equal counts in Texas. In 1918, four rights in Texas. In 1918, four local branches sprang up to join the El Paso chapter established in 1915. The Great War gener-

the El Paso chapter established in 1915. The Great War generated a renewed racial awareness, leading more Blacks to confront discrimination. NAACP memberships nationwide soared from 10,000 in 1917 to almost 80,000 in 1919. In December 1918, national board member Mary B. Talbert toured Texas promoting Liberty Loans and organizing NAACP branches in nipe cities. By 1919 Texas had become the Association's leading state with 7,046 members and thirty-one branches.

Several events that year, however, revealed bow far the state actually was from harmonious race relations. In July a Longview mob burned Black homes and businesses and beat a Negro teacher during "The Red Summer Riots". Soon afterward the state antonney general subpoenaed the Austin branch's records to scrutinize its right to conduct business in Texas. When NAACP National Secretary John Shillady learned of the impending challenge, he traveled to Austin to meet with the appropriate state officials. traveled to Austin to meet with the appropriate state officials. Shillady soon found himself an inwelcomed visitor and after austaining verbal abuse, a gang comprised in part of local officials brutally beat him. When the NAACP's Vice President protested this violent act. Gov. William Hobby blamed Shillady and recommended that the organization stay out of Texas.

By 1920, Texas lead the nation in lynchings and amid this atmosphere of fear, many of the state's branches discontin-

The Southwest Digest had a burglary at approximately 10:00 a. m. Tuesday morning, April 28, 2009, when one of the copublishers. T. J. Patterson was in the building making ready. Thursday's edition.

"I had just finished talking with Police Chief Dalton when I heard some glass falling in the kitchen part of the building," said Patterson. "But I paid no attention as I thought there was someone working outside of the building," he said.

"But a few minutes later, I

building," he said.

"But a few minutes later, I heard another breaking of glass on the west side in another part of the building." I was still not concerned until I heard some foot steps in hallway of the building," communed Patterson.

"This is when I shouted loud. 'Stop! Stop! Stop! and the two ran out fast, one through the front door and out the back west side window," he continued.

"You know every morning upon entering the building, the first thing done is to have prayer. This was done after entering Tuesday and this was the nothing buil the grace of God.

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**Broken Into Tuesday Morning** 

Southwest Digest Building 902 East 28th Street

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Officer

Also, the east side door was also tampered with by the unknown burglars. "It is hard to believe anyone

would break into a building, on the Dunbar Bust Route by Citibus with passengers, this time of the morning," said

The Southwest Digest, for more then thirty one years, has been a part of the Lubbock community helping those in need and reporting important information about their different

"It is shocking when you have a burglary in the neighborhood of people you are belping and doing what you can to help," concluded Patterson.

Patterson The Southwest Digest.

ued operations, with only five remaining active by 1923. Yet Texas, as William Pickens noted in 1932, "is a big territory with

big possibilities"
fo the late 1930's an extraorbig possibilities."

In the late 1930's an extraordinary group of Black Texansbegan to organize and direct the state's civil rights movement. As they revived the five langual branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, they built a statewide organization, the Texas State Conference of Branches Through this structure they mobilized local branches and coordinated their programs with the policies and strategies of the NAACP's national office in New York. They also planned and initiated lawsuits against racial discrimination in the areas of voting rights, jury service. of voting rights, jury service, employment, housing, educa-tion, and public accommoda-

One man whose vision of a statewide NAACP organization was especially influential. Antonio Maceo Smith Not only was he instrumental in its development, but he also spearheaded its activities for two headed its activities for two decades. A gifted practitioner of the political arts of compromise and consensus, he combined the administrative talents of the bureaucrats with the promotion

bureaucrats with the promotional skills of an insurance executive Confident and charismatue, he was above all an organizer.

Born in Texarkana in 1903, Macco Smith was educated in Fisk University and New York University, where he received degrees in business. Returning to Texas in 1929 after the death of his father, Smith moved to Oklahoma City in 1932. In January of 1933, he came to Dallas to organize a life insurance company. There he rejuvenated the Negro Chamber of Continue on Page 8





### AN IDEA STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR ALL OF AMERICANS

by donnell (askari) hooper

Every since our new black President Ohama entered the old White house, he has been being graded on how he is handling the mess he inherited from all the pervious white Presidents dating back to the constantly mentioned Great Depression. There have been breadcast all There have been broadcast all over the CNN news questioning people on how well they think President Obama has done in his first 100 days in the old white house. It has been well over 100 years since all of President Obama's white Predecessors either neglected to clean up the mess or contributed to the mess he sterned into.

he stepped into. Some of the of these intellectual Some of these intellectual card graders are the decedents of white settlers who gave as much land as their white predecessors could mark off and claim while denying life & land to the ancestors of which the new black President and his family are Continue on Page 8



### LISD anounces lone finalist for superintendent of schools

In a special called meeting. Lubbock ISD trustees voted unanimously to name Dr. Karen Garza as the lone finalist in the district's search for a new super-intendent Dr. Garza currently serves as the Houston Independent School District (HISD) Chief Academic Officer. largest school district in least and the seventh largest district in the nation Dr Gazza is responsible for the educational programming and the seademic performance of 200,000 stu-dents and the overall adminis-tration of all 300 schools. Prior Garza plans to begin her duties with Lubbock ISD on

duties with Lubbock ISI7 on July I. She succeeds Wayne Havens who announced in December 2008 he would retire after 41 years in education. By law, the district must wait 21

days before executing the con-tract with the lone finalist.

Board President Gordon
Wilkerson said Garza is a good
fit for LISD. "We had an out-

standing field of candidates from which to choose. Dr Garza's many strengths matched up well with our needs," Wilkerson said "LISD is a good school district filled with out-standing educators. With standing educators With Karen's leadership, we are capa

Karen's leadership, we are capa-ble of attaining an even higher level of excellence."

Gaiza received her bache-lor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston and her doctorate from the University of Texas — Austin Born in Canyon, Gaiza has fam-ily ties to the South Plains and said she is looking forward to returning to the area.

Dr. Garza is a systems-thinker and innovator and believes that all stakeholders— board of education members, hoard of education members, ataff, parents, community mem-bers and business leaders—are important in ensuring that stu-dents graduate on-time well-prepared for college, career and life. Her passion for education is contagious, and her leadership atyle is one that cultivates com-mitment to student success and creates a culture of continuous improvement.

### Sister Griffin & Rev. Butler Speak Each Week At The Crown of Eternal Life Church



Sis. Lucinda-Griffin

Rev. Alvin L. Butler will be singing and ministering at A. Crown of Eternal Life Church, There will be Music Music

There will be Music Music

The Church is sponsoring his

Music Ministry each Monday

mght Praise God Amen.

There well be Music Music

There will be Music, Music & Music Also, there will be anounting, anointing & anount-

We are inviting all of you to

We are inviting all of you to come and h car one of the Original Way Side Travelers and his friends in the Lord.

There will be Blazing Bolding Blessing, Also encouragement testinonies, BBB, The Best of Monday Night and the Best on Thursday nights as well. Sister Lucinda-Griffin will be speaking and ministering on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The pastor and founder, Rev. Gladys Mae Smith, encourages as many as can to be in atten-



Rev. Alvin L. Butler

dance If you have any ques-tions, please call Rev Smith at either (806) 747-0289 or (806) 283-5935.

283-5935.

Her website is:
www.Acrowneff.ternall.ifeChu
rch.Com. Her email address is:
gladysnaesmith@yaboo.com.

If you have any questions
about booking at the church, call
between 11:00 a. m. and 3:00 p

'Our church doors are op-

"Our church doors are open, and welcome all of those who ar are looking for a Church Home," says Pastor Smith
"Just come by and hear Rev. Butter and Sister Griffin as they are here on Mondays and Thursday nights," she says. God loves all of his children and is always standing by to be there for all of us," continued Pastor Smith.

"So come and be with us on Monday or Thursday rights, and you will be glad you did so," concluded Pastor Smith. "God is able in all we do."



It is reported that there will many members of the ay members of me Methodist Episcopal Tenth Episcopal of the Fort Worth African Methodist Episcopal
Church, Tenth Episcopal
District of the Fort Worth
District attending the Women In District attending the Women in Ministry at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Enday, May 2, 2009 Worship services will been at 1,00 c. or will begin at 1:00 p. m.

The public is invited to

Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is pastor

The Lubbock Area
Interdenomionational
Ministerial Alliance will have
worship services at the Bethel
African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m. All are invited to come and

Civic Lubbock, Inc. has scheduled a grant workshop in preparation for the June 1, 2009

deadline for the first round of the 2009 City of Lubbock/Civic Lubbock, Inc. Cultural Arts Grant Program. The Grant Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in Room 108-109 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. The workshop is fee and is The workshop is free and is open to all local cultural and arts open to all local cultural and arts organizations who may be interested in applying for a Cultural Arts Grant for projects that begin after September 1, 2009

The Grant Workshop will cover the Cultural Arts Grant Program's guidelines and procedures and the application process. Applying

process. Applying organiza-tions must be a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization (or govern-ment equivalent) and have been actively pursuing their goals for

at least one year

The Cultural Arts Grant

Program provides local cultural
organizations with financial

projects that promote Tourism and the Arts in Lubbock. Funding for the Cultural Arts Grant Program comes from an allocation of the Hotel Occupancy Tax which is generated from visitors who stay overnight in Lubbock hotels, motels and bed and breakfast ims. Attendance at one of the workshops in a 12-month period is mandatory for all grant applicants. For more information, call 775-2236 or 775-2267. for projects that projects and the Arts

Let us continue to pray for it sick and shut-in citizens of

Word comes that Mr & Mrs. Clarence (Joan) Ervin are home after spending a few days in the

Sister Lillie Smith is also a attent at Covenant Health

### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday afternoon, April, 2009, church services got On Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2009, church services got underway with a lot of excite-ment at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor. Church, school, started, at

9-45a m. with Bro. David Chiles 9.45a.m. with Bro. David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Sceking Help In Time Of Need". Morning worship begun at 11.00a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev Jackson fed the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir went up in the choir stand singing. "I Love. To Praise Him."

The responsive reading was read by

responsive reading was read by Rev Jackson, and it came from Psalm 1-1-6. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the congregation singing

"Thank You Lord" Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events which would be taking place. All birthdays for the week were acknowledged. There was the pastorial period which was held and then the offering was taken

Little Light" and "Jesus, Jesus Jesus" "Amazing Grace" was

Jesus" "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. David. Phart. from Richmond, Ca. preached the sermon. His subject was "Because He Lives". His scripture text was. Ezikiel 37:14. After the sermon a song was sung by the congregation. There was the invition to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer. Sis.

veral went up for prayer. Si

Ann Mostey acknowledged all the visitors who were in atten-

Pray for one another as we go about throughout the days Pray God will see us safely to

SCRIPTURE FOR WELLS.
Our father in heaven hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your still be done, on each as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debtors. And don't lead the control of the con s into temptation, but deliver s from the evil one. For yours

Let us hear from you and keep pramg for each other.



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809-34th Street. The moste those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of haptisms 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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### TASHION

by Shirley Roberson

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Fashion tip...alway a smile

Fashion...just for the

#### Dunbar Class of 1969 Will Sponsor 40 Years of Memories June 12 Thru 14, 2009

The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Class of 1969 High School R Reunion will celebrate 40 years of Memories June 12 thru 14, 2009 Thanks for the memories

All graduates will be ask to come and soak their feet for a week; pull their girdle strings tight; bring their oxygen tent, because they are going to party all night. As they are saying, "The Class of '69 will do it

The program for the reunion will include the following: June 12th - Reception, 7-00 p.m. until 9-00 p.m. Red Roof

1-27 There will be T-shirts goodies. A time to Meet and greet

greet!
June 13th - Banquet and
Dance, 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.
KOKO Palace, 5:101 Avenue Q.
Admission \$25:00 Singles,
\$35:00 Couples; \$50:00

\$35:00 Couples; \$50:00 Classmate Couples Activities will include Name That Tune, Best Swing Out, Best Cha Cha, The Bump, Mashed Potatoes, The Tip Toe

Can you remember these? Judges: Ray, Charles, Shirley and Jackie There will be Prizes, Prizes and Prizes!

taminated surfaces, and after being around someone who may

Dinner will be served! June 14th - Church Services vill be held at Rev. Norman

Garrett and Congregation.
All persons interested it par-ticipating should send their reg-istration fees by May 10, 2009 Make checks payable to th Dunbar Class of '69 Reunio Dunhar Class of '69 Reunion, and may be mailed to either. R Ray Alford, 19226 R Reliay R d. Humble, Texas 77346 or Jackie Porch, 1516 East 1st Place, Lubbock, Texas 79403. The most important thing is to see your classmates again and to have fun. "God will make a way out of no way!"

VOTE

MAY 9!! 7 am - 7 pm

### Two Cases of Swine Flue Discovered In Texas

State Health Services has con-firmed two cases of swine influenza A in Guadalupe County near San Antonio Both confirmed cases experienced mild symptoms and neither was hountfalled. Both has research hospitalized. Both have recov-ered from the illness. This comes on the tail of five confirmed swine influenza A cases in Southern California Only in Southern California Only one required hospitalization and all have recovered. To date there have been no cases of swine influenza reported in Lubbock County.

Symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to those of regular or seasonal flu and include sudden onset of fever (101°F-c), severe fatigue or exhaustion, chills, severe

exhaustion, chills, severe coughing, and muscle aches Some swine flu victims have also reported other symptoms

such as runny nose, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, and vorniting Public health officials from the City of Lubbock Health Department advise that the pub-Department advise that the pub-lic should take standard precauns against the flu in o reduce the spread of any resp tory illness including.

Wash hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 sec-onds using soap and warm water especially before handling food, after touching potentially con-

### Prayer Vigil Set For May 5, 2009

The 6th Annual Prayer Vigil will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 5, 2009, at the Greater St Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, from 12 noon until 2 00 p. m.

The theme for this year's vigil is "Ineffective Faith" This year's scripture is in Genesis 16:3 and St. Matthew

The Chain Members are excited about this upc

For more information call Sis Blanchie Swisher at 744

### Cinco De Mavo Set At Patterson Library

Come help us celebrate
Cinco De Mayo with special
guest Ballet Folklorico Atlaan
de Lubbock. Free enterrainment
and refreshments!
Place. Bobbie Gean & T. J.
Patterson Branch Library.

1836 Parich Library 1836 Parickway Drive Lubbock Texas 79403 806-767-3300 Date Monday, May 4, 2009 Time 6:00pm

VOTE **MAY 9!** 



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Wednesday Services Bible Study 12:00 noon & 6:00pm

GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

MAIF OUR DECTHER



# Church News





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

"Post Racial America - Yet To Come!"

office I spoke gentlemanly to a man that was entering at the same time saying "Good morna savage look and didn't part his

a savage look and didn't part his thin lips.

This genileman who was dressed down while I was dressed dup, looked at me as if I had a barnyard smell while I noticed a pair of boots that lacked professional care and was not the leather of an upper-classman. I become fearful that if he opened his mouth ignorance would not be forgiving and swallow the whole interior of the elevator. As the elevator of the elevator of the elevator is the swallow the whole interior of the elevator. and swallow the whole interior of the elevator As the elevator stopped on my floor, I exited and entered the world of intellectual superiority. And like a similar saying about antacids: "O what a relief it was!"

There is great truth in the saying "A leopard cannot change its spots." Black Americans need not be reminded for it is commomplace knowl-

Americans need not be remind-ed for it is commonplace knowl-edge that 'post-racial' America is alive and well. The election of Barack Obama by young white Americans possessing intelli-gence above the norm only exasperated or excited the anger eagenst African Americans, who

Leonard noted the National Urban League's recently released 2009 State of Black America report quantifying racial inequities in employment. racial inequities in employment, housing, education, criminal justice, health and other arenas will be about as welcome as graffiti on the Lincoln Memorial among those Americans who convinced themselves in November the country had entered a "post-racial" era.

Those Americans will be overwhelmingly white and will resist with mighty determination.

overwhelmingly white and will resist with mighty determination the report's implical argument that we have not yet overcome, not yet reached the Promised Land, not yet come to a point where race is irrelevant, Barack Obama notwithstanding.

Leonard noted years spent engaging Americans on the knotty conundrums of race leave him confident in that prediction. Also does a 2008 Gallup poll in which 46 percent of non-Hispanic whites said there is no widespread racism against blacks.

A Yale University study

helps Leonard to see why some whites feel that way. Leonard noted that blacks and white tend

of white people only that they exhort black people to become more self-reliant and take more responsibility for their own

African Americans have a moral responsibility toward that goal. However, before African Americans can fulfill that responsibility, they must learn to speak the same language where race is concerned, and to mean the same things when we do.

African Americans in Lubbock. Texas are encouraged to useach for the ton of the mount.

are trying too. You MUST stand on TOP of the mountain! You most not succumb to negative



### We Thank God for Jesus "Children Dying Too Soon!"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus shways

unto me, and forbid them not

As my Family and Friends would say: 'That boy is so bad!) And I started thinking I was, and

other children I JUST LOVED TO FIGHTIO

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from

things didn't change. I wanted it my way, and if I didn't get it, someone was in pam!!! Proverb 23:13-14 --

Proverb 23:13-14 —
Withhold not correction from the child, for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die You shall beat him with the rod, and

KEEP HIS SOUL

Even at home my Mother and Father, t hey gave me my rights. They knew the 911 number, it

Father, and forake not the law of your Mother.

\*\*\*\* CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE WRONG!!!

Proverbs 29:15-17 - The rod and reproof gives wisdom, but the child lifts to himself brings his Mother to shame.

brings his Mother to shame. Correct your son, and he shall give you rest. Yes, he shall give delight unto your soul.

I would take the other children's money, and that would MAKE MY DAY They knew I was super bad, and to fight back: "THERE WAS NO WAY!"

O T Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus VII, 23 A horse not broken becomes headstrong; and a child lifts to himself will be still ful Cocker (Pamper) your child, and he shall make you afraid, play with him, and he will bring you to heaviness. Laugh not with him, lest you have sorrow with him, and lest he gnash your teeth in the end. Give him no liberty (RIGHTS) in his youth, and wink not at his

your heart.
I, now 17, I ian my own gang We can bang with anyone we met. Our motto is: "DO IT THEM, BEFORE THEY DO IT

way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the

ways of death.
\*\*\*\* HAVE YOU SEEN
THE DEATH OF OUR CHIL-

DOING A DRIVE BY SHOOTING; OH MY BACK

SHOOTING; OH MY BACK HOW GREAT IS THE PAIN!!

John 10:10 – Jesus said, the thief (the Devil) come not, but for steal, and tokill, and tode-stroy: I am come that they might have life, and thatthey might have it more abundantly.

WHY ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE CRYING OVER ME? I AM TOO YOUNG TO DIE! I'M HAVING FUN TAKE THIS @%\$\$@@@. SHEET ME!!!

Proverb 3:11-12 - My sor

mg and crying around in Continue on Page 8

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church

ast 14th Street, where the oud paster is Rev Edward

way at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "Seeking Help In T Times of Need." The scripture text was

Acts 9:32-43
The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Walter Jackson, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The key verse was Acts 9:38.
And for as much Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto hun two men, desiring him t hat he would not delay to come to them."

was 'Looking For The Right O
Opportunity,' His scripture text
was John 5.1-3. The Song of
Inspiration was 'Jesus Paid It
All.' What a wonderful time we

The morning devotion got The weekly meetings are as derway at 11-15 a m with follows. Wednesday evening.

Mission Ladies meet at 6:00 p. m. and Bible Study begins at 7:00 p. m. Friday evening is Choir rehearsal, beginning at

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

Let us remember our sick and shu t-in members of the commu-nity. Among them include Sister Lola Byrd who is a patient at Covenant Medical System, sick and shut-in at this time. Today, it may be someone else, and tomorrow it could either

The St. Matthew Baptiat Church is still looking for a Musician If you are interested, please call Rev. Canady at (806) 744-2445.

tunity for someone who has a vision to work with dedicated God's people who love to sing

The Ushers' Annual Day at St. Matthew Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, May 2, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p. m. This year's theme is "Let Your Light Shine." Matthew 5:16.
The guest speaker will be Rev. C. L. White.
The public is invited to attend this annual program.
"Come and worship with us, and praise God with us!," said Pastor Canady.

### Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Father, in the name of Jesus, we confess your word concerning healing. As we do this, we believe and speak your word and it will not return void, but will accomplish what it says it will Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus that according to I Peter 2:24. Your word says, Jesus, himself, took our infirmities, and hore, our suckness.

bound from operating against us in anyway. We're the property of the almighty God, and we give you no place in us. God's people, we dwell in the secret place of the Most High. God, we abide, remain stable and fixed under the shadowers of the almighty, whose power no foe can withstand. Now, Father, because we reverence and wor-

we have the assurance of your word that the angels of the Lord encompass about us and delivers us from every evil work. No evil shall befall us. No

parts of our nature to the immor-tal spirit. Even to the joints and morrowof our touch. We have on the whole armour of God and the shield of faith protects us from all the fiery darts of the wicked.

in your word.

Your children st and immov-able and fixed in full assurance

that we have health and healing now in the bodies of your peo-ple. In the name of Jesus, we pray, AMEN.

Once this has been prayed, thank God that SATAN is bound, and continue to confess this healing, in the name of

Family and Cabinet!

For Me And I Will Pray For

Other!

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning.

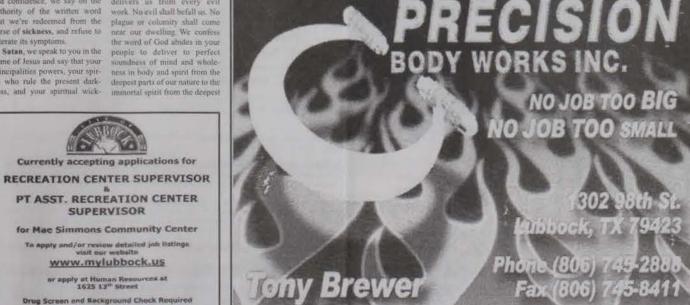
May 2, 2009, at 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9.00 a.m.

Sister Lucila Spence's Group

will meet on the same day at 2119 64th Street If you are interested, it hen please do come to either one of the meetings. You will be glid you did!

Thanks so kindly for read-ing, Saints!
As a people, we must learn

children, and He wants us to get along with each other Sister Derothy Hood, presi-dent, Sister Christene Burleson,



### **Obsequies**

L. V. Jackson

I. V Jackson, 65, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, April 18, 2009

April 18, 2009

He was born June 28, 1943 to
the late James Ola Haney and E
S. Haney in Midland

To this union, three children
were born. Ennis Haney and
James Roy Jackson preceded
him in death. He accepted Christ
at an early age and was a faithful member of 20th and Birch
Church of Christ, will the Lord
Church of Christ, will the Lord Church of Christ until the Lord

Church of Christ until the Lord called him He attended Midland Elementary School and later graduated from Dunbar High in Lubbock. He was a truck driver of Dallas Wholesale for many years. He was married to the late. Betto Many Doos who proced-Bettye Marie Davis who preceded him in death. To this umon, four children were born, Terry (Donna). Jackson, Cynthia (Rocky)Darthard, Cheryl Jackson and Tonya (Tony)

#### 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame Set April 28th

The African American Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame on May 26, 2009 at Jay Gordon Room a Lubbock Independent Schoo Board Building, 1628 19th

mized are Mildred Lusk, Arlee Jackson, Rosa Llanas, Donald George, Ada Bell Jackson, and Walter Rinehart

George, Ada Bell Jackson, and Walter Rinehart.
Previous inductees are:
2008 Julio T Llanas, Ella Iles, Dr. William Marcy, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Petcy Hines, Dr. E. C. Struggs, and Celestine Kyle:
2007 Reva Alexander, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Mary Jo-Henderson-Wilson.
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She is survived by her hus-band, Tom Ross; daughters, JoAnn Williams and Joyce band, Tom Ross; daughters, JoAnn Williams and Joyce Smith, soos, Henry Smith, Timothy Smith, and Isaac Smith, Jr.; brothers, Joseph, Terry Washington, Perry Washington, Sammy, and Willie James Washington, sisters, Lorraine Kemp, Ludell Washington, and Ruby Hill; five grandchildren, and a host of nioces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

#### Georgia Leggitt



Dallas - Funeral services were held. Monday morning, April 13, 2009, for Georgia Leggitt at Eastgate Baptist Church, Dallas, with Rev. H. D. Reagan, pastor and eulogist. Burnal was held in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery under the direction Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home of Dallas. Mrs. Leggitt, beloved moth-

Funeral Home of Dallas,
Mrs. Leggitt, beloved mother, age 68, has entered into the
arms of our Savior on Tuesday,
April 7, 2009.
She was born to the parentage of Rev. George H. Reagan
and Dorothy Sibley Reagan on
July 3, 1940.
Georgia began her education
in Nacogdoches, Texas transfer-

Georgia began her education in Nacogdoches, Texas transfer-ring to the elementary school in Tyler, Texas upon moving with herfamily in 1945. She graduat-ed from Emmett Scott High School in 1958. She received her Beauty Operators Licene from Madam C. J. Walker School of Cosmetology in Dallas, Texas in 1960. She met and married Ralph Leon Leggett on June 12, 1960, and moved to Lubbock. To this union four children were born.

union four children were born. Shortly afterwards, she united with Mt Gilead Baptist Church

Mrs. Leggett, a resident of Lubbock, was a Home Health Care Technican, a profession who exemplified her life of love

and concern for others. Georgia leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband, Ralph, children Vanessa Taylor, Wayne Leggett, Lowell Leggett and Karen Alston, mother, Mrs Dorothy Williams, brother, Rev Dorothy Williams, brother, Rev H. D. Reagan; sisters. Haltie Waters. (Roscoe). Anzetta Spencer (Billy). Mary Lousie Wilson (Robert) and Joyce Rushing, all of Dallas, a brother-in-law, Bruce Leggett (Shela) of Waco; two sisters-in-law, Genola Leggett Bigham (Ed of Waco) and Henrietta Leggett Adams of Dallas, nine grand-children; six great-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nicces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Her father, Rev. George H. Reagan, and two sisters, Anna Daniels and Gloria Reagan preceded her in death.

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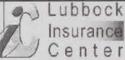
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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

Southeast Drive,

Most of us are very happy to see the beginning of spring and warm weather. It gives us a feeling of rejuvenation after a long, cold and sometime wet winter season. Of course, warm

weather means that we can shed some of our warm clothing and/or wear less clothing to be comfortable.

comfortable.

There is comfort and then there is comfort. Some of us just love to be comfortable no matter where we are. As a result, there has been a trend in

America of wearing casual clothing on all occasions. We have even taken the Bible verse

We all are aware that most of us grew up having school clothes, work clothes and Sunday clothes. We went to school and wore our school clothes and shoes. When we got back home after school, we put on our work or play clothes and shoes and thid our chores and homework. This was a daily affair. On Sunday, we put on our Sunday clothes and Sunday shoes and went to church or wherever we chose in our Sunday clothes. There had to be a very rare and important affair taking place at any other time of the week to merit our wearing our Sunday clothes. There had to be a very rare and important affair taking place at any other time of the week to merit our wearing our Sunday clothes. Otherwise, they were reserved for just that

our singuly clothes. Otherwise, they were reserved for just that, Sunday. We did not dare to go to church in any other clothes unless we were practicing for a Sunday school religious play which we often had for most

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a reflection of our morals. Our dress 'hangs scarce and loose.' We do not cover up enough of anything. The trend for females

anything. The trend for females features a very low cut bloose or dress, sometimes open to the waist, showing the entire upper torso. Older ladies remember the 'dickey' and modify their clothing with a dickey or a surtable under blouse. Young ladies let it 'all hang out!' Notice should be taken that young men cover all of their bodies except the baggy long pants which they find to pull up, but you usually can see their underwear anyway.



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not giving up, nothing is impos-sible and every thing is possible if again you are willing to work at it and pay the price. For our long idented, depressed, over looked, ignored, set gaide and forgotten communities to become sustaining set aside and forgotten communities to become sustaining market places they should be the leadership and initiative must come from us within the community uself no one can do for us what we must be doing for ourselves Io long we have set around waiting on someone else what we must be doing for ourselves. In fact, no one clae is going to do for us what we must be doing for ourselves we can, we must, and we will take the lead in building and, in most

In order for our goods and services to be accepted and demanded at the market place, they must be competive and be-up to standard or above to truly competive. We must forget because I'm Black the ecomony

For a dollar to turn over 4-7 times in a community is aver-age to good, but in our commu-nity the dollar does not turn around at all, just a small frac-tion of a turn and it's gone across tion of a turn and d's gone across-town and that keeps our ecomo-ny depressed we must educate our dollars to go where they are respected, wanted, and appreci-ated no matter who are provid-ing the goods and services. If they support our community, Black, White or others. We must support them, but on the other hand, Black, White or other wise if they do not support our

### Letter To Editor

### Fireman Opportunities

My name is Matt Hisso and I am the coordinator for the Fire Technology program at South Platns College

through June 5.

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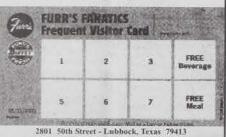
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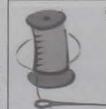
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One of the prior Presidents claimed that he forgot about the

drugs and guns trade in Central America while the other President said he wasn't in the President said ne wasn't in the room when it was discussed, but Oliver North remembered. It was said that if this President had continue to bomb the hills of Afghanistan when Bin Laden of Afghanistan when Bin Laden-was pinned down there, the war in Iraq would have never been fought and thousands of American lives would have never been lost in an Iraqi war that was started due to an exposed lie that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction that have still not been found.

America's first black President. Was it because he got exposed for getting his, you know what sucked, in the Oval office of the white house? No, two white people getting their freak on in the white house, don't add up to a black. Provident. Obama's efforts to fix foreign relations and policies, the econ-omy and a government that has omy and a government that has atrocrously moulded away America's integrity should be commended, respected and sup-ported. We have had all kinds of influential white people open stating that they want President Obama to fail long before this first 100 days report card which is obvious that they don't care if

### "The Strength Of A Woman" Will Be Held May 9, 2009

The first annual event of "The Strength of a Woman," which is a tribute to the womb that gave birth to all mankind, will be held at The Bridge, for-mer Pose Elementary School, 101 Redbud Avenue, Saturday evening, May 9, 2009, from

101 Redbud Avenue, evening, May 9, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
This special event is sponsored by the B.L.A.C.C.C.C.
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In Texas Continued from Page 1

local branches and coordinated their programs with the policies and strategies of the NAACP's national office in New York. They also planned and initiated

its against racial discrimi-in the areas of voting rights, jury service, employ-ment, housing, education, and

public accommodations.

One man whose vision of a statewide NAACP organization was especially influential. Antonio Maceo Smith Not only was he instrumental in its

development, but he also spear-headed its activities for two decades. A gifted practitioner of the political arts of compromise

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have all made to mankind," said Donnell Hooper, liaison of the special project and coordinator. "Since this day has been set aside to honor all mothers and women, then this became an opportunity to show our appre-ciation with such an event," he continued.

Appearing on this program will include Queen Mother J. J.

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degrees in business. Returning degrees in business. Returning to Texas in 1929 after the death of his father, Smith moved to Oklahoma City in 1932. In January of 1933, he came to Dallas to organize a life insurance company. There he rejuvenated the Negro Chamber of Commerce and played a major role in obtaining and directing. Centennial Exposition in Datas By 1936 he became secretary of the Dallas NAACP branch and the Progressive Voters League. Through these activities he

developed ties with key Negro leaders in Dallas and other cities. Increasingly, he thought in terms of statewide organiza-tions. From Smith's discussions with other Black leaders came the decision to organization. with other Black leaders came the decision to organize the State Conference of NAACP Branches in 1937. The first conference of the State NAACP convened at the Moorland Branch of the Dallas YNCA on June 18 and 19th, 1937. Delegates came from five branches; Houston, Dallas, Waco, San Antonio and Marshall

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not making traditional white privilege moves. Well here is a stimulus idea that will, eliminate stimulus idea that wit, con-homelessness, proverty, improve the educational report

### Lubbock Police and MHMR Agreement

to ensure a high standard level of care and treatment to people who come in contact with the Lubbock Police Department.

Services to be provided by Lubbock MHMR include determining whether detainees referred by the Lubbock Police Department have a mental ill-ness and/or mental retardation ness and/or mental retardation diagnosis, and determining whether the individual meets commitment criteria under State Law. This MOU will aid the Lubbock Police Department in serving someone who needs psychiatric assistance.

Beth Lawson, Public Information Officer for the Lubbock Regional MHMR Center, says, "Formal collaboration of this nature is unprecedented in the working history of these two agencies."

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Lubbock Police Chief Dale Holton and the CEO of Lubbock Regional MHMR Center, Cathy Pope, have worked closely together for many years and, together, were the impetus for their respective agencies com-ing together to collaboratively serve the Lubbock community. The terms of this agreement The terms of this agreeme begin May 1, 2009, and et April 30, 2010.

Beth Lawson at Lubbock Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Center at 767-1648.

### Thank God for Jesus

THE FLOWER HAS NO SMALL AS IT SHOULD BE? Roman 6:23 — FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE CIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

restarted the major motor com-panies to selling their cars, employ the unempolyed, put banking back in the banking business, and restore the entire American economy. As I stated earlier in this article land was given to the early settlers to establish this country that was

once called the New World. I believe that 21centuries later our New President should give the 400 and something million American people as much chance as the banks and the automobile industries a chance Continue Next Week

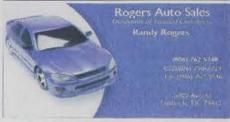


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