



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

The public is invited to attend.

Rev. Sonia J. Beatty is pastor. ***

The Lubbock Area Interdenominational 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 be blessed. ***

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 free and is open to all local cultural and arts organizations who may be interested in applying for a Cultural Arts Grant for projects that support for projects that promote Tourism and the Arts in Lubbock.

The Grant Workshop will cover the Cultural Arts Grant Program's guidelines and procedures and the application process. Applying organizations must be a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization (or government equivalent) and have been actively pursuing their goals for at least one year.

The Cultural Arts Grant Program provides local cultural organizations with financial

support for 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 inns. 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. ***

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

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

Sister Lillie Smith is also a patient at Covenant Health System. Your prayers are appreciated. God is able!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2009, church services got underway with a lot of excitement 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 teaching the lesson entitled: "Seeking Help In Time Of Need". Morning worship began at 11:00a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir went up in the choir stand singing "I Love To Praise Him". The 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 pastoral period which was held and then the offering was taken up.

The Youth Choir sang "This Little Light" and "Jesus, Jesus Jesus". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. David Pharr from Richmond, Ca. preached the sermon. His subject was "Because He Lives". His scripture text was Ezekiel 37:14. After the sermon a song was sung by the congregation.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer. Sis.

Ann Mosley acknowledged all the visitors who were in attendance.

Pray for one-another as we go about throughout the days. Pray. God will see us safely to our various destinations and safely to our various homes.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: Our father in heaven hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts. As we forgive our debtors. And don't lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN. Matthew 6:9-13.

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



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

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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

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

All graduates will be asked to come and soak their feet for a week; pull their girld 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 right!"

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

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

June 13th - Banquet and Dance, 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. KOKO Palace, 5101 Avenue Q. Admission \$25.00 Singles, \$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!

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

All persons interested in participating should send their registration fees by May 10, 2009. Make checks payable to the Dunbar Class of '69 Reunion, and may be mailed to either: R Ray Altford, 19226 R Relay Rd., Humble, Texas 77346 or Jackie Porch, 1516 East 1st Place, Lubbock, Texas 79403.

The most important thing to see your classmates again and to have fun. "God will make a way out of no way!"

Two Cases of Swine Flue Discovered In Texas

The Texas Department of State Health Services has confirmed two cases of swine influenza A in Guadalupe County near San Antonio. Both confirmed cases experienced mild symptoms and neither was hospitalized. Both have recovered from the illness. This comes on the tail of five confirmed swine influenza A cases 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<), severe fatigue or 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 vomiting. Public health officials from the City of Lubbock Health Department advise that the public should take standard precautions against the flu in order to reduce the spread of any respiratory illness including:

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

BROKEN IN AT 10:00 A.M. AT SOUTHWEST DIGEST! THIS N THAT ... arrived at the ... SOUTH-WEST DIGEST ... 902 East 28th Street ... Tuesday morning ... April 28th ... the only one in the building ... but shortly after arrival ... TWO YOUNG PERSONS ... broke into the building by ... coming into the

back ... west side by knocking out the windows... Upon gaining entry ... THIS N THAT ... shouted ... VERY LOUD ... and one came out the front door and out the window they entered... leaving a ... FOOT-PRINT ... taken by Lubbock Police... Hopefully ... these persons will be caught as this should not happen in any com-

munity... Two weeks ago ... actually on a Tuesday ... an unknown person or persons ... took our electric meter off the building and caused several hours of problems ... but through it all ... THE SOUTH-WEST DIGEST ... hung in there and were able to publish on time... THANK GOD!!

CONGRATS TO TWO CHURCHES! THIS N THAT ... wants to say ... THANKS ... to the ... SMITH TEMPLE CHURCH ... for ... 21 YEARS ... of service ... and ... BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ... for ... 88 YEARS ... of service... to the community!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LET'S TURN ... to each other ... and not on ... EACH OTHER!"

Faith." II Thesalonians 1:3.
Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor,
and Sister Denise Jordan, chairperson.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Celebrates Eighty-Eighth Church Anniversary



The members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be celebrating their Eighty-Eighth Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. The theme is "Growing By



THINK ABOUT IT!

Don't Look Back!

by Edsie Richardson

2008 is now history, and all that we did not accomplish in 2008 is history. It cannot be reclaimed! It is gone and will never return. So forget it! It is gone forever, and will never return. So good bye 2008 and hello 2009! Forget New Years resolutions, most of them will not become a reality any way. So let's move on and make 2009 our best year ever, and accomplish our dreams. Let's take or make our personal creed "If It Is To Be It Is Up To Me" and live by it, because a person can be or do anything they want to be or do. That is, if they are willing to live it, work at it and pay the price with the key word being work. Following that theory and

not giving up, nothing is impossible and every thing is possible if again you are willing to work at it and pay the price.

For our long denied, depressed, over looked, ignored, set aside and forgotten communities to become sustaining market places they should be the leadership and initiative must come from us within the community itself no one can do for us what we must be doing for ourselves. To long we have set around waiting on someone else what we must be doing for ourselves. In fact, no one else 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

cases, rebuilding our long denied communities from within the communities by us for us.

In order for our goods and services to be accepted and demanded at the market place, they must be competitive and be up to standard or above to truly compete. We must forget because I'm Black the economy is to fight to play or practice racial games. But on the other hand, race must not be a reason not to use each others goods and services. We must learn to do what a lot of other groups do, buy, sell or trade with each other when at all possible, but the goods and services must be competitive the times are too tough, the stakes are to high to not be competitive.

For a dollar to turn over 4-7 times in a community is average to good; but in our community the dollar does not turn around at all, just a small fraction of a turn and it's gone across town and that keeps our economy depressed we must educate our dollars to go where they are respected, wanted, and appreciated no matter who are providing 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 For Local Citizens

My name is Matt Hixson, and I am the coordinator for the Fire Technology program at South Plains College.

Every year, SPC offers a Basic Fire Academy, which teaches the skills necessary to become a certified firefighter in the state of Texas. Because firefighting is such a great career, each year we have four times as many applicants as we have spots in class, so we look for the best and brightest we can find.

I want to give your loyal readers advance notice that the enrollment period for the class is coming up, from May 11 through June 5.

I would be happy to meet more with you or provide you any additional information you require to get an announcement in your fine publication. I'm sure you would agree that fire-

fighting is one of many career fields in which minorities are underrepresented, and I hope that you will help me do everything possible to get the word out about this fantastic training opportunity.

I can be reached at 806.716.4912, or via e-mail reply, at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Matt Hixson,
Coordinator
SPC Fire Technology
South Plains College.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



worship.
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 did 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. 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

major holidays.
Our dress today is too often a reflection of our morals. Our dress hangs scarce and loose. We do not cover up enough of anything. The trend for females features a very low cut blouse or dress, sometimes open to the waist, showing the entire upper torso. Older ladies remember the "dickie" and modify their clothing with a dickie or a suitable 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 fail to pull up, but you usually can see their underwear anyway. Young ladies are still wearing those Daisy Duke shorts. There are those young ladies who should NOT wear ANY SHORTS at all. Some parts of the anatomy of some of us just were not made to be shown in public. Consequently, young and old ladies should get "in cinque" and get the opinion of

someone who loves them before they put on short shorts to be seen in public.



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.

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 about "...Come as you are," literally and many people do go as they are to places of worship, casual, without any reverence. We pray that somewhere along the line, reverence will kick in. We look another way because we are just so happy to see our fellow man/woman in a place of

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For more information, contact Ms. Davis at (806) 747-8389.

Vice president is David Carnzales, (806) 632-6390; treasurer, Kay Anderson-Grant, (806) 745-4832; secretary, Sandra Culpepper-Reed, (806) 765-0727.

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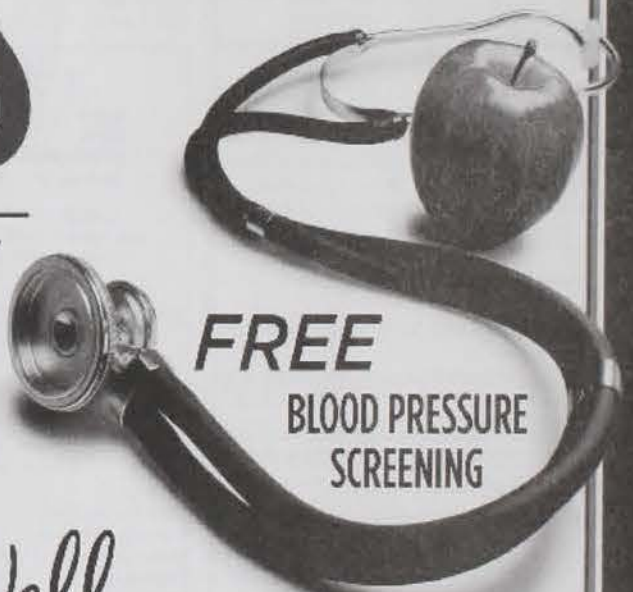
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decendents: In fact the compensation of (40) acres of land is still a white lie. These card graders intellectuals are also still the beneficiaries of the instituted white privilege that's still the American Rites. How dare these intellectual masturbators have the audacity to condemn President Obama's efforts to straighten up over 100 years of white Presidents' f@%# up! Let's turn a few pages back as a reminder

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 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 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. Surely we can never forget the President that was erroneously given the title of being

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 President. President Obama's efforts to fix foreign relations and policies, the economy and a government that has atrociously moulded away America's integrity should be commended, respected and supported. 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

this black President makes the right move they like many others oppose Obama because he is not making traditional white privilege moves. Well here is a stimulus idea that will, eliminate homelessness, poverty, improve the educational report card, increase home ownership,

restarted the major motor companies to selling their cars, employ the unemployed, 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 a chance as the banks and the automobile industries a chance.

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"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, former Posey Elementary School, 101 Redbud Avenue, Saturday 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. B.R.I.C.C.C., Each One Reach One, and the Southwest Digest. "This a way of showing our

appreciation for women who are the womb of our civilization, and the many contributions they 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 appreciation with such an event," he continued.

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

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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 illness 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."

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 coming together to collaboratively serve the Lubbock community. The terms of this agreement begin May 1, 2009, and end April 30, 2010.

For more information: Please contact Beth Lawson at Lubbock Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Center at 767-1648.

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

State NAACP In Texas

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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, employment, 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 spearheaded 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 promotional skills of an insurance executive. Confident and charismatic, he was above all an organizer.

Born in Texarkana in 1903, Maceo Smith was educated at 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 Commerce and played a major role in obtaining and directing Negro participation in the Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas. 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 organizations. From Smith's discussions 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.

Sources: Michael Gillette-The NAACP in Texas, 1937-1957; Texas State Conference, Twentieth Anniversary Souvenir Booklet (1956); Mary White Ovington, "Is Mob Violence the Texas Solution of the Race Problem?"

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