



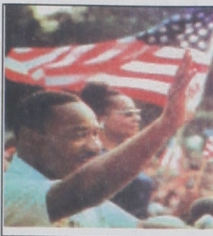
# WELCOME TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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### Community Meetings

\* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

\* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

\* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.

\* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

\* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

\* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

\* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

\* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

\* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

\* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

\* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

\* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

\* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

\* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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## Second Big Town Hall Meeting Set For Sunday Night, February 28th

The second Big Town Hall meeting about the increase of burglaries and robberies will be held Sunday evening, February 28, 2010, at The Bridge, 1301 Redbud Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

More than 100 residents were in attendance at the last meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2010. There was much discussion about these problems. Several residents gave their concerns about what should be done.

"The meeting on Sunday will be more specific about what we should be doing," said Donnell Hooper, one of the coordinators of the meeting.

"We need the help of the entire community so we can come forward and take proper actions to help solve these problems," continued Hooper.

"We would appreciate it very much if Chief Dale Halton who insist that the Lubbock officers would know the residents of the areas in which they patrol," said Larry Alexander. "Once they become more involved with the residents, they can combat other crimes which happen in the community," he continued.

"You know in a community where the Lubbock police know everyone, this would decrease opportunities for crack houses, break ins and home invasions," said Alexander.

"This is not a cure all solution, but would an opportunity to



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solve one problem at a time," said Eddie P. Richardson. "This would begin with home invasions and thefts and robbery, as this would increase a success story," he continued.

"We want to continue these kinds of meetings to let the entire community know what we can be doing to make our community a much better place to raise our children," said Hillary Hutchison.

"It will take all of us to see

that these problems are taken care of for the future of our little children," continued Hutchinson.

At the January 31st meeting, Mayor Tom Martin and Chief Halton were present. Both expressed optimism about such community meetings. Crime is all over the city, and all communities can ban together and make a change.

We will be looking for each of you February 28th!

## Winners In Deltas Black Month Talent Showcase Extravaganza



The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held its annual Black History Month Talent Showcase Extravaganza last Saturday evening, February 13, 2010, in the Mataro Room at Texas Tech University.

Pictured above are the young people who were winners. Those young people are Vivian Tyson, B. J. Wilborn, Samuel King, Mikah Chapman, and the King of Kings. A complete story is forthcoming about this annual event.

## Thanks MLK Committee For Recognition



Rev. C. C. Peoples

One of the Black Pastors recognized last month by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council was Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Slaton.

The Pastors were recognized for more than 40 years of service as a Pastor.

"I just want to thank the MLK Committee for doing this," said Pastor Peoples. "We just thank God!"

## First Black Ice Skating Pair To Compete In Winter Olympics



Yannick Bonheur and Vanessa James

VANCOUVER (AFP) - French pairs skaters Yannick Bonheur and Vanessa James are set to create history on Sunday when they become the first black couple to compete in figure skating at the Olympic Games.

Getting to Vancouver has been a long journey for the duo who teamed up just over two years ago after Bonheur put an advert on the internet after splitting with previous partner



T. J. Patterson, Sr.

## T. J. Patterson Will Be Honored By Congressman Neugebauer In Special Recognition Friday

During Black History Month, tributes are always paid to African Americans who struggled with adversity and made great contributions to shaping our nation. In Lubbock, T. J. Patterson, Sr. has made a true difference in the community and exemplified the role of a public servant.

In 1977, T. J., co-founded the Southwest Digest with Eddie P. Richardson, a newspaper that has served a strong voice for Lubbock's African-American community for over 39 years.

In 1984, T. J. was the first African-American elected to serve on the Lubbock City Council. T. J.'s many accomplishments have made him a pillar in the community and a role model for young people.

He was instrumental at the state level where he was the first African-American elected as President of the Texas Municipal

League (TML), and was instrumental in organizing the Texas Association of City Council Members (TABCCM), serving as its first president.

Patterson has also served as a Board of Director of the National League Cities (NLC), and chairman of the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources (EENR) steering committee.

In celebration of Black History Month, Congressman Randy Neugebauer will recognize Patterson for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas, as well his leadership in honoring Black History Month in Lubbock.

A special presentation will be made Friday morning, February 19, 2010, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 11:00 a. m.

The public is invited to attend this special recognition.

## What Happen To These Former Dunbar High School Panthers?



Conference AA Prairie View Honor Team

(Editor's Note: The photo is not in color as it is black and white. This photo is courtesy of Ralph Hodge).

Dunbar High School (Lubbock) won the 1953 Conference AA Prairie View Basketball Title members and their present occupation are: FRONT ROW - Louis Walton, disc jockey, KYND, Houston; Willie Dedrick, Oxnard, California; R. T. Horton, Lubbock; Richard Mason, Columbia, Missouri; Samuel Metters, minister, Oakland, California.

Marilyn Pla.

Canadian-born James' aunt saw it and convinced her niece, who has lived in England since she was a child, to reply.

James, 22, arrived in France for a trial run and never left with

BACK ROW-- Coach E. P. Mallory, San Diego, California; Prenis Williams, state probation supervisor, Austin, Texas; J. P. Smith, Victorville, California; Johnnie Goff, accounts executive, San Francisco, California; O. D. Gary, - deceased; Alvin Johnson, assistant basketball coach, Polytechnic High School, Fort Worth; Curtis Gipson, Estacado High School, Lubbock; John Milus, Lucky Inn Corporation, Long Beach, California.

These were some of Lubbock's finest young people!

the duo teaming up in December 2007.

"It's destiny and I'm very happy about it," said 27-year-old Bonheur.

"There's the grace and beauty of Vanessa and then my athletic... Continue on Page 6

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Wheatley Elementary is celebrating Black History Month in many exciting ways. Listed below are events that are open to the public:

Black History PTA Program February 18, 2010. Dinner 6-7pm. Program Starting at 7-8:30 Wheatley Choir. Featuring Special Guest: The King Family Singers & Samuel B. King, Jr. Storyteller: Rene Coleman & other local talent.

\* The Book Fair will also be open during the book fair 6-8:30.

Barnes and Nobles Book-sellers Presents "INCREDIBLE JOURNEY"

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Saturday, February 27th at 10:00am Barnes & Nobles at the South Plains Mall. Featuring these Fine Storytellers Rene Coleman, Shawnda King,

Wheatley Elementary Kinder Teacher; Margaret Randle, Principal at Wheatley Elementary School; and Eric Strong.

Open to the public- Free Admission-Refreshments.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with the Praise Team at its post of duty singing God's Praises. After this inspirational presentations, the morning scripture was read and the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "How to Stand Strong When You Are Under Attack." His scripture text was

Galatians 3:3, Hebrews 4:5 and Romans 5:18.

After the morning sermon, an invitation to discipleship was extended.

Sister Glenda Mooney-Tobe read the morning announcements. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Anna Chatman.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in residents. Among them include Brother Alfred Cavieil and Brother & Sister Clarence (Joan) Ervin.

The Federation of Choirs is making preparation for the upcoming Annual Celebration. If you want to be part of the Mass Choir, then call either Brother Lamont Ford, Vice President, at (806) 543-1187 or Brother Daron Mann, Musician, at (806) 786-5569.

The February Meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, February 28, 2010, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, where the host pastor is Supt. W. David Haynes. The services will begin at 2:30 p. m.

Sister Bennie Sims is Pres-ident.

The Lubbock Lions Pancake Club will host its 54th Annual Pancake Festival Fundraiser at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, from 7:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. Tickets are \$4.50 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Children under age 2 get in free.

Keep Lubbock Beautiful is accepting entries for a logo design contest through March 13, 2010.

The logo will be for an anti-liter campaign which will get underway in April at the Lubbock Arts Festival. The logo should say: "Stash Your Trash: Seconds Saturday of each month, sponsored by Keep Lubbock Beautiful."

For more information on how and where to submit, call 745-2770.

## Gospel Chorus' Annual Musical

The Gospel Chorus of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will present its annual musical Sunday afternoon, February 21, 2010, at 4:00 p. m. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, 306 east 26th Street.

The theme for the afternoon of music will be "Let All Creation Praise Him." Psalm 98:4 as the scripture reference.

The program will feature an afternoon of gospel music from the choir and special guest musicians.

Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor; Sister Gracie Taylor, president; and Mrs. Clara Lenord, directress.

The public is cordially invited to come and worship in this musical celebration.

## FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson THE CAN CAN SKIRT

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## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 14, 2010, church services got started with a lot of inspiration at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. last Sunday morning with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson for the Adults entitled: "Declaring Allegiance" and the printed text coming from Matthew 16:13-27. Sis. Angela Mosley and Sis. Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the Youth entitled: "Who Am I" with its scripture text coming from Matthew 16: 13-27. Breakfast was served in the fellowship hall afterward for those in attendance.

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir

marched in the choir stand singing "I Love To Praise Him". The responsive reading came from Psalm 23:1-6, and was read by Rev. Jackson. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Henry Edom with the choir singing "O, How I Love Jesus."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that would be taking place. There was a MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY, presented by the Senior Mission & Senior Choir then the offering was taken up.

The Youth Choir sang "Working On A Building" and "Oh, How Excellent." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "The Decision Is Yours" with the scripture text coming from Matthew 27:17-24 & Ephesians 6:1-3. A song was sung after the sermon.

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

Pray that the Lord help us to firmly resolve to live out our allegiance to Christ day by day and in every situation.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: "Blessed are the poor in spirit because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Blessed are those who mourn because they'll be comforted. Blessed are the gentle because they'll inherit the earth". Matthew 5:3-5

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**"Still I Rise" Set Here**

A tribute will be given to the former Head Coach of Field & Track, Jarvis Scott, of Texas Tech University.

The special tribute will be held Sunday afternoon, February 21, 2010, 2:30 p. m. at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, where Rev. Windell Davis is pastor.

Coach Scott was 1968 Olympian.

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "An Emphatic Civilization"

Jeremy Rifkin, author, "The Emphatic Civilization: The Race to Global Consciousness in a World in Crisis" asked the question "Why have we become so uncivil?"

The meaning of "emphatic" is 1: the imaginative projection of a subjective state into an object so that the object appears to be infused with it. 2. The action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner; also: the capacity for this—Merrian Webster

Rifkin noted in an article this month that: President Obama has made an unprecedented plea for civility in public discourse. Washington insiders say they can't ever recall a period in America public life as full of anger and polarization as now. TV and radio talk show host in particular, have fanned the flames of hatred with occasional outrageous personal attacks on public figures and advocates of

policy agendas with which they disagree. If we continue along this toxic road, it could lead to unfathomable damage to the America psyche. The question is "Why is the United States becoming so uncivil?"

Rifkin noted: "When we talk about civility, we are really talking about empathy: the willingness to listen to another's point of view, to put one's self in another shoes and to emotionally and cognitively experience what they are feeling and thinking. "To civilize is to empathize." Below all of the fiery rhetoric and finger pointing, the acid comment and degrading personal attacks, is a deep-seated fear and mistrust of the "other" — in other words, a lack of empathy.

The thoughts of Rifkin's can be seen in our community of Lubbock. For example if one type in blogs Lubbock online.com/conservative category/fascism —one could see how uncivil and racist the mindset that is eating at the core of our community. What is so unfortunate is these sons of perditions cannot see they are hastening

their own Armageddon. The idea suggested by the current governor and the fools of Lubbock who believe his bull that Texas will secede from the United States is ludicrous. This writer is embarrassed every time Chris Matthews on MSNBC refer to the governor of Texas as the "secessionist" governor.

If the governor and his "fools of a new paradise free from minorities" is not enough for one not to believe we are under a cloud of an emphatic civilization, Stephanie Mencimer recently wrote..."thanks be to Glenn Beck, the National Review, New Gingrich and others, have fuel a firestorm of right-wing paranoia that President Obama has secret police with the power to knock down doors and arrest law-abiding America citizens. Mencimer noted that Interpol agents don't even carry guns and have no right to arrest people, and that its American office boasts all of five people. Mencimer also noted the hysteria over Executive Order 12425 is not confined to the Tea Party movement but has reached the highest levels of

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## We Thank God for Jesus "True Black History: 'The Morrisons'" Part I

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

### GOD SAID IF YOUR WAYS PLEASE I'LL GIVE YOU'RE THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.

I thank God for My Grand Father, Rev. Billy Morrison, I, and Grand Mother, MaMa Susie of Benechely, Texas. On an old San Antonio Road, off Highway 6, going into Bryan, Texas. They took 350 acres of the worst timber land in the county, and THE LORD TO HELP THEM TO TRAIN AND TRAIN THIS LAND. They took their seven children and two old Black mules, AND WENT TO WORK!!! THEY DIDN'T ASK THE WHITE MAN, GIVE ME A BREAK.

**Philippians 4:13** -- I can do all things through Christ which strengthening me.

### \*\*\*\*\* U IN GOD'S STRENGTH??? \*\*\*\*\*

They took the two old Black mules, AND CUT AND BURNED THE TREE AS DOWN. AND COTTON, WHEAT, HAY, POTATOES, FRUIT TREES, AND OTHERS GREW IN THE GROUND!!!

**Matthew 13:8b** -- Jesus said,

and brought forth, some an hundredfold, some sick fold, some thirty fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(You see they went TO THE LORD FOR HELP, NO, THE WHITE MAN. THIS NEW GENERATION ALWAYS GOING TO THE WHITE MAN SAYING: MR. WHITE MAN, WILL YOU GIVE ME T HIS, AND WILL YOU GIVE ME THAT JUST ASK THE LORD, AND WORK, WORK, work THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT!!!

M G. Father AND G. Mother didn't care if THEY DIDN'T EAT WITH THE WHITE MAN, they didn't care if they didn't DRINK AT THE WHITE WATER FOUNTAINS. THEY JUST WANTED A PIECE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM -- A PIECE OF AMERICA'S PIE???)

### \*\*\*\*\* ARE YOU ASKING GOD O R THE WHITE MAN??? \*\*\*\*\*

PaPa Bill and Mama Susie only went to the fourth grade in school. But the Lord Blessed their MINDS AND BACKS, AND THAT THEY DID USE!!!

### \*\*\*\* THEY'RE BILL "B. J." MORRISON'S HE- ROES!!! \*\*\*\*

PaPa would say: "PEOPLE SAY OF MY FAMILY -- I WAS A HARD MAN!!!"

**Psalm 37:4** -- Delight yourself in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart.

(Doing the Depression of 1929, PaPa and them were going TO LOSE THEIR AMERICAN DREAM -- THEIR LAND. The Banker in Bryan was at a cafe laughing saying, O' Billy Morrisons going to lose his place. I', going to have foreclose on it. PaPa said a WHITE DOCTOR came from town and told him IF HE WOULD PAY OFF THE LAND, AND HE PAY HIM BACK WHEN EVER HE COULD!!! WHITE MEN DON'T HATE BLACKS. LOOK AT GOD WORKING HERE!!!)

**Ephesians 1:9** -- Having known own unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, February 14, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson as "Declaring Allegiance." The scripture text was Matthew 16:13-27. The Unifying Topic was "Declared By Peter."

The teacher of the morning's

lesson was Sister Shirley Davis. The review was given by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The main thought of our Sunday School lesson was:

*"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."*  
**Matthew 16:16.**

The morning worship hour began at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion was led by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady and Sister Barbara Johnson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their

hearts and souls. What a blessing to have these choir members sing God's Praises.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Lay Up Your Treasures In Heaven." His scripture text was Luke 12:31-34.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

- Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.
- Bible Study is held at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesdays.
- Choir Rehearsal is held at

5:00 p. m. on Friday evenings. The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

The Brotherhood meets at 12 Noon on Saturdays.

The morning announcements were read last Sunday morning by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us remember February is Black History Month. Sister George A. Hereford read the Biography of Charles R. Drew.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Lola Byrd who is a patient

at Covenant Hospital, Room 966.

Rev. Walter Jackson is a patient at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Let us continue to pray for these families. Tomorrow it could be one of us.

### LOOK LOOK LOOK!

*As shadows of night give way to dawn's light,  
God opens the door to a brand new day;  
And when it comes mercies from his gracious hand*

*For giving new mercies is always His way!*

### Thought For The Week: Our God is a God of second chances."

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If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you did so.

When you visit with us, bring a family member with you. You will be glad to come and witness the word being delivered by Pastor Edward Canady.

Shall we look forward to seeing you this Sunday ?

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want each of you to read and think about this scripture, and look at what's taking place in Haiti. You may ask why?

### II Kings 17:7-18

This disaster came up the nation of Israel because the people worshipped **other gods**. This sinning against the Lord their God who had brought them safely out of their slavery in Egypt. They had followed the evil customs of the nations which the Lord had cast out from before them.

The people of Israel had also secretly done many things that were wrong, and they had built altars to **other gods** throughout the land. They had placed idols at the top of the hill and under every green tree, and they had burned incense to the gods of the very nation which the Lord came in.

So the people of Israel had done many **evil** things, and the Lord was **very angry!** Yes, they worshipped **idols**, despite the Lord's specific and repeated warning! Again and again, the Lord had sent prophets to warn both Israel and Judah to turn from their evil ways. He had warned them to obey his Commandments which he had given to their ancestors through these prophets, but Israel wouldn't listen. The people were as stubborn as their ancestors and refused to believe in the Lord their God. They rejected his laws and the covenant he had made with their ancestors, and despised all his warnings in their foolishness the worshipped the

**heathens**, idols despite the Lord's stern warnings they defiled all the Commandments of the Lord, their God and made two calves from molded gold. They made distasteful, shameful idols and worshipped Baal and the Son, Moon, and Stars.

They even burned their own sons and daughters to death on the altar of Molech. They consulted fortune tellers and used

magic and sold themselves to **evil**.

So the Lord was very angry. He swept them from his sight until only the tribe of **Judah** remained in the **Land!**

For God had said you must never forget the **Covenant** I made with you **Never Worship** other gods. You must worship only the **Lord!** He will save you from all your **enemies mies**.

But Israel didn't listen and the people continued to worship other gods. These colonists from Babylon worshipped the Lord. Yes, but they also worshipped their idols and to **this day their descendants do the same thing!**

When God says don't worship other gods, he means **"IT!"**

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# Obsequies

## Carolyn A. Johnson

Funeral services for Carolyn A. Johnson were held Saturday afternoon, February 13, 2010 at Full Armor Ministries with Bishop Leonard Chatman, pastor, officiating.

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

Johnson, 31, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Vista Care. Carolyn was born to the parentage of David and Linda Johnson on November 28, 1978 in Lubbock. She attended elementary school in Lubbock and graduated as a member of the National Honors Society from Frenship High School in Wolfforth, TX. She also attended South Plains College, where she became a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). She worked as a caregiver at the Levelland Nursing Home for 10 years before her employment at the University Medical Center



Family Care Unit for five years. Carolyn was nominated and chosen to receive the "Florence Nightingale" nursing award in 2007.

Carolyn leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Reagan Elizabeth; parents, David and Linda Johnson; brother, Michael Johnson; maternal grandmother, Virginia Hearn; uncles, James Hearn, Jr., Randy Hearn (Carolyn) and James Johnson (Shirley); aunts, Brenda Hearn, Peggy McKelvy (Frank), and Lillie Hearn; and a host of other relatives and friends

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## In Black Caucus, a Fund-Raising Powerhouse

WASHINGTON — When the Congressional Black Caucus wanted to pay off the mortgage on its foundation's stately 1930s redbrick headquarters on Embassy Row, it turned to a familiar roster of friends: corporate backers like Wal-Mart, AT&T, General Motors, Coca-Cola and Altria, the nation's largest tobacco company.

Soon enough, in 2008, a jazz band was playing at what amounted to a mortgage-burning party for the \$4 million town house.

Most political groups in Washington would have been barred by law from accepting that kind of direct aid from corporations. But by taking advantage of political finance laws, the caucus has built a fund-raising juggernaut unlike anything else in town.

It has a traditional political fund-raising arm subject to federal rules. But it also has a network of nonprofit groups and charities that allow it to collect unlimited amounts of money from corporations and labor unions.

From 2004 to 2008, the Congressional Black Caucus's political and charitable wings took in at least \$55 million in corporate and union contributions, according to an analysis by The New York

Times, an impressive amount even by the standards of a Washington awash in cash. Only \$1 million of that went to the caucus's political action committee; the rest poured into the largely unregulated nonprofit network. (Data for 2009 is not available.)

The caucus says its nonprofit groups are intended to help disadvantaged African-Americans by providing scholarships and internships to students, researching policy and holding seminars on topics like healthy living.

But the bulk of the money has been spent on elaborate conventions that have become a high point of the Washington social season, as well as the headquarters building, golf outings by members of Congress and an annual visit to a Mississippi casino resort.

In 2008, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation spent more on the caterer for its signature legislative dinner and conference — nearly \$700,000 for an event one organizer called "Hollywood on the Potomac" — than it gave out in scholarships, federal tax records show.

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## First Black Skaters

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ism. And the fact that we're both black brings a pleasing visual harmony."

James previously competed internationally for Britain as a single's skater. She was the 2006 British national champion and 2007 silver medalist.

The pair moved to Indianapolis in the United States in August 2009 to train with Russian coach Sergei Zaitsev.

And last December they booked their ticket to Vancouver by winning the French nationals, a victory which enabled James to receive French citizenship. Bonheur said they were determined that their Olympic experience will lay the groundwork for future successes, after they finished seventh at Europeans.

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Since the very successful meeting that was held January 31, 2010 at the BRIDGE at 1301 Redbud right off MLK and BROADWAY I have had the honor of being in the present of two of Lubbock's most powerful young men. Before I talk about my meeting with these two great young brothers, I want to thank Queen Myda Cruz for allowing us to use the building she supervises to hold our very important meeting. Myda represents the strength of a woman. We also thank Channel 11 and Fox news for their reporting this news of our effort to bring the entire city of Lubbock together to put an end to the burglaries and robberies in all the neighborhoods that make up our city. We thank the Mayor, Chief of Police, and councilman Todd Klien for showing their interest in our efforts by thier participation in our meeting. We thank Pastor Roy Davis, Pastor Moore, Brother



Rabbi, and the other spiritual leaders who showed true courage to step out into the community and show their support for our good faith effort. These men of God Looked more like the many men of God who fought, lived and died for the human rights we are now privileged to show our gratitude for their many sacrifices. We thank Pastor Perez who have supported us from day one in anyway he can. We thank Pastor Avery for allowing us to speak

to his congregation and invite them all to our next meeting February 28, 2010 7:00pm. We thank Principal Love for his support and I truly respect this man because of his love for our children. We give special thanks to all our Queens for their support and demonstration of more courage than many of the men in confronting these issues. I have told many of these Queens that their Strength is necessary to resurrect us all! We thank all of you who attended our meeting and we pray that you and other will help many our effort to make all of us and our properties safe in all our neighborhoods. Now allow me to say that YELLA BOY and brother VICK of BARBER TALK on 104.9 THE BEAT are two of the most powerful young men in this county. Their position of power can positively help shape the minds of thousands of our youth and blow the dust off the minds of thousands of people who have left their intelligences on the shelves unconsciousness and don't give a dam! The short time I was with these young brothers we discussed values that all intelligent people appreciates. Although our age differences were obvious our ability to reach common ground and interest was gained through a mutual respect for sharing intelligent views. I shared my Idea of how I believe that the networking between their broadcast, the Southwest Digest, barber shops, churches and school can provide a greater service to this city. Yella Boy has taken charge of the position that the "Soul Patrol and DJ Vigil Johnson who use to be our broadcasters back in the day. The difference is Yella Boy's range is broader. Brother Vick has filled the shoes of barbers like D.C. and A.C. Kinner.

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### David Nelson & John "Trey" McClendon Our Choice! Both Will Do Lubbock County Well!

As the March 2, 2010 Early Voting has begun, the Southwest Digest would highly recom-

mend that your choice for Lubbock County Judge would be David Nelson, a local attorney.

the Lubbock Independent School District.

As we go to the polls this week through Early Voting, let's also give our precious vote to another young man running for the 137th District Court. He is John "Trey" McClendon.

He is a man of integrity, and wants to enhance the court system in seeing that trial dates are held in a positive posture.

So will you join the Southwest Digest in voting for these two individuals, David Nelson and John "Trey" McClendon during the Early Voting.

We believe Lubbock County will be better off if you will give them your precious vote. Voting is so important!

less, there are people who are passionate about the use of fur as a garment. Fake fur is just not as warm as the real thing, no matter how you line it!

If the Winter Olympics in Vancouver have not been scarred enough by the death of a luger, an American skater's life has been threatened because he has fur on his skating costume. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and take inventory of our passions and put them in perspective of the rights of others as they relate to our passions. God help!

We highly recommend Nelson, because of his past record in the public sector in Lubbock County.

Although he will be facing incumbent Tom Head, Nelson has demonstrated his ability in many areas to enhance Lubbock County.

Nelson is a former Lubbock City Councilman for eight years, and was instrumental in developing some very important programs for the City of Lubbock.

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## In Cinque

by **Renetta Howard**

anything can tell you that



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the only way they know how to save a life is to take a life. Some of these individuals have actually attacked and killed doctors and nurses and other health care workers who perform abortions. They do not give the individuals who want the abortions a chance to make a choice with their bodies. They are not able to discriminate between what their passion means to them and how it affects other human beings. The irony here is that in most instances, the pro-lifer does not have any type of acquaintance with the person seek-

ing abortion or the medical professionals performing the deed. They are passionately against abortions, but most have no plans to care for the child if it were born.

There exists in America the anti-fur group. They do not want animals killed for the purpose of making fur clothing; coats, hats etc. They forget that this is all that early man had besides the fig leaves, to wear. Sometimes, I feel that this trendy group was launched by someone who wanted a fur coat and could not afford it. Never-

America is such a diverse country with a multiplicity of ethnic groups, skills, interests, abilities and capabilities until it is a unique situation when one can find an individual who has no passion about anything in life. There probably are a few in existence, but so rare until the number rests in obscurity.

As there does probably exist are a few people without a passion, there are also a few who have no idea where their passion should take them. Some people work hard at turning their passions into profitable endeavors. There are others who just seek to delight and make other people happy with their passions. Singing, playing music, acting, dancing, volunteering to help others, teaching, ministering, being an advocate for worthwhile causes, doctoring and nursing, athletic endeavors, business adventures, traveling and even gambling are passions for some people. In all of these areas, there are individuals whom have made a profitable and often charitable endeavor following their passions.

Some passions have a negative effect on society and the individuals who engage in them. There are the pro-life groups whose passions are so deep until

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politics—that is, the US Congress.

It has been noted that an executive order cannot legally authorize an unconstitutional act. However one of the hallmarks of this emphatic civilization generation belief is that Obama is a

Mobutu-style African dictator who is furtively plotting to crush dissent or unrest over his economic policies.

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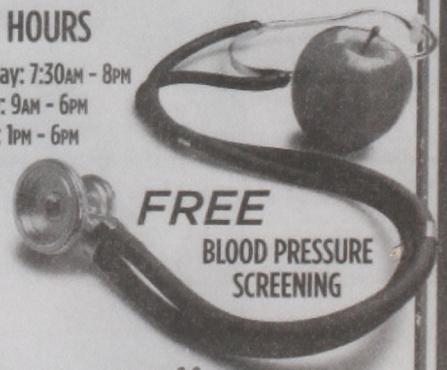
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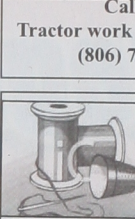
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