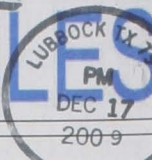




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## New 'Toon Continues Disney Trend Toward Diversity

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- For most of the last century, the Disney 'toon heroine was as white as, well... Snow White, the studio's first feature-film superstar, who marked her debut in 1937's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

It would take some 60 years for the Disney artists to begin painting their leading ladies with all the colors of the wind, including the American Indian Pocahontas (1995), the Chinese Mulan (1998) and the Hawaiian Lilo (2002).

Only now, with "The Princess and the Frog," have Disney animators put a black female front and center. Ironically, the inspiration for the new film came from two Caucasian men: current Pixar-Disney chief John Lasseter and the late Walt Disney himself.

"The story really came from an initial idea of doing an American fairy tale, which hadn't been done at Disney," said "Princess" co-director Ron Clements. "And setting it in New Orleans, which is John Lasseter's favorite city in the world. It was Walt Disney's favorite city in the world... Out of that, it seemed natural that the heroine would be African-American."

Discussion of the character's race had some of the film's principals bristling. "We walk around being black every day, and nobody talks about it," noted Anika Noni Rose, who supplies the voice of lead Princess Tiana. "So, I suggest you follow your instinct and let it be nothing to



"The Princess and the Frog"

be talked about."

Yet the "Dreamgirls" actress continued to talk: "The big deal is that it will quietly affirm to young brown-skinned children that they are special in this world," Rose said. "And I think that it is a bigger deal to those of us who grew up without it and are now adults and have been waiting for it. It's exciting to us, because we know how important it is to our children to have, to be image affirmed."

Production was started on "Princess" in March 2006, long before the election of a new American president. "We tried to arrange that," joked co-director John Musker. "We voted for Obama," Musker continued. "That was about as much influence as we had on things."

But the coincidence isn't lost on some members of the

"Princess" cast. "It is historical in the sense now that there is 'Obama' and 'Tiana,'" said veteran character actress Jenifer Lewis, widely known as "the black mother of Hollywood." "It is a new day," she continued. "There is hope. There is change. That is what this movie is going to bring."

Perhaps, but the directors remind us that making history was never their point.

"It is a universal story," Musker said. "It is a story of trying to follow your dreams and overcoming obstacles. And I don't think that necessarily knows a certain color."

Walt Disney's "The Princess and the Frog" is now playing in Los Angeles and New York and opened nationwide on December 11, 2009.



Kertisha L. Dixon is a second year law student at the Texas Tech School of Law. She is making plans to become a Criminal Defense Lawyer.

The 23 year old law student is a native of Columbia, South Carolina.

She is an example of the many opportunities in the Texas Tech School of Law.

## Southwest Digest Has Relationship With Lubbock Businesses

By Donnell Hooper



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## MLK Celebration Youth Choir Activities Underway Here

The time has finally come for the preparation for the 1010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

The following are the times and places for the various choirs:

Mass Choir, ages 11 and up,

Equilla Morgan, Director, Friday evenings, 7:00 p. m., Alderson Middle School; Praise Worship, Vera Coleman, Director, Monday evenings, 6:30 p. m., St. John Baptist Church; and Mass Choir, 10 years and under, Trevia Ellison, Tuesday evenings,

7:00 p. m., Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

If there are any questions, contact Tracey Jackson, (806) 777-6017, and Yolanda Jeffery, (806) 791-2509.

Your support is most appreciative.

## Dunbar Middle School December 2009 Students of the Month

Here they are, the students the faculty and staff of Dunbar Middle School chose as the December 2009 Students of the Month.

The Southwest Digest is proud to present these outstanding young people to our readers. May they continue to make outstanding contributions to their family, school and community.



Angela Cauthorne  
6th Grade



Amber Keel  
7th Grade



Keviosha Manahan  
8th Grade



Nathaniel Rangel  
6th Grade



Carlos Munoz  
7th Grade



Kody Reed  
8th Grade

## 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, Mac Simmons Senior Citizens.

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

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The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, December 20, 2009, at the host church, St. Matthew Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Host pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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**New Light Baptist Church News**

The public is invited to attend, according to Sister Bennie Sims, president.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, December 13, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. B.R. Moton, host pastor.

Services got underway at 11:11 a.m. with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts and souls. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Baptist Church Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "Have Faith In God." His scripture text was Mark 11:20-24.

After the invitation to discipleship, the announcements were read by Sister Pamela Moton, and all visitors were welcomed by Sister Linda Henderson.

The New Hope Everybody's Birthday Christmas Celebration will be held in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 20, 2009, beginning at 4:00 p. m.

Watch Night Services will be held at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church on Thursday evening, December 31, 2009, beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Rev. Wendell Davis is host pastor. Public invited to attend.

On Sunday morning, December 13, 2009, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with excitement, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the Adult Class and the lesson was entitled: "An Unexpected Sign" with the printed text coming from Isaiah 7:13-17; Luke 1:30-38. The Youth lesson was taught by Sister Rochelette Hood and entitled "Receiving Good News" and the printed text coming from Luke 1:26-38.

After Church School breakfast was served to those who were in attendance.

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "On My Way To Heaven". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee, and it came from Psalm 122:1-9. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus".

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the announcements and told of all the upcoming events to be taken place. There was the Pastoral Period that was held by the Pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sung "Lord, I Want You To Help Me," led by Sister Angela Mosley and, "I Can Go To The Rock", led by Mother Cavanaugh. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Faith Tested" with the scripture text coming from Psalm 37:1-5 & 8. "Trust In The Lord" was sung after the sermon by the Senior Choir.

There was the Invitation To Discipleship that was extended. All visitors in attendance were acknowledged by our usher Sister Brenda Manahan.

Pray for all churches in and around the surrounding communities that we will come together as one. Pray for the sick, shut-in & etc...

Our 9th Annual Musical was held last Sunday honoring our Music Director, Mother Cavanaugh. It was a very spirit filled time in the Lord and it was enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

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**Scripture For The Week:**  
"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God!"

Matthew 5:8

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Executive Homosexuality"

Remember Idi Amin Dada Oumee. AKA 'Big Daddy', AKA 'Butcher of Africa', AKA 'Conqueror of the British Empire', AKA Lord of All the Beasts of the Earth and Fishes of the Sea? Remember the guy who killed between 100,000-500, 000 people?

Remember the guy who father ran out on his mother and left him to be raised by him being the third born of eight siblings?

Remember the guy who had only a rudimentary education and was basic illiterate, yet excel at sports and converts to Islam at an early age.

Remember the guy who was determined to make Uganda a "black man's country" expelling the country's 40,000-80,000 Indians and Pakistanis after claiming he had received a message from God during a dream.

Remember the guy who challenged the United Kingdom and the United States and breaks relations with Israel and throws his support behind the Palestinian liberation movement. Remember the guy who killed ordinary

citizens, former and serving Cabinet ministers, the chief justice, Supreme Court judges, diplomats, academics, educators, prominent Roman Catholic and Anglican clergy, senior bureaucrats, medical practitioners, bankers, tribal leaders, business executives, journalists and an accountable number of foreigners.

Remember the guy who ordered entire villages to be wiped out. Remember the guy who had so many corpses thrown into the Nile River that workers at several locations had to continuously fish them out to stop the intake ducts at a nearby dam from becoming clogged.

Ida Amin is dead however, it appears he is alive and well in the present leadership. Uganda is on the verge of passing a law within a few months that will make homosexuality a capital offense with the ultimate price being death. It is noted that Uganda is joining 37 other countries on continent where American evangelical Christian groups are at a rapid pace spreading bigotry toward gays.

What is so disturbing about this is white male Americans who called themselves Christians are said to behind closed doors help formulate this anti-homosexuality law. Rachel Maddow on MSNBC is to have caught the big time preacher Rick Warren in a blatant lie. She produces video of him saying one thing out of one side of his mouth while endorsing another on the other side. Are not preachers of his stature to HOLY lie? Well kiss my grits!

Another who got his mouth caught on a "lying pole" was U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa. Remember him, the one who said certain thing about health legislation being presented by Democrats would mean "pulling the plug on grandma"? Well this guy who also is against Legal Aid for people who cannot afford to hire an attorney is in association with a secretive group of Christian politicians that has ties to Uganda legislators who introduced the anti-homosexuality law.

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## We Thank God for Jesus "Tiger Woods Ain't No More Good"

**Matthew 19:17a** -- Jesus said, why call me good?? There is none good but one, that is God. Everyone is saying: **HE IS SO GUILTY WITH THEIR STONE DROWN BACK!!!**

You remember the woman's sexual sin John 8:3. She was caught **IN THE VERY ACT OF ADULTERY!**

**John 8:7b** -- Jesus said, he that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

We all need to look in the mirror, and say: **THE BIGGEST SINNER IS ME.** Then stone myself up side the head, **AND WATCH ME BLEED!!!**

**John 8:32** -- Jesus said, and you shall know the truth shall make you free.

**\*\*\* ARE YOU FREE YET??? \*\*\***

The woman are coming out from every **DIRECTION, SAYING, I'VE BEEN WITH TIGER, AND OUR OUTINGS WERE SEXUAL.**

**Roman 3:23** -- For all have

sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

**\*\*\*\* HAVE YOU EVER SINNED???? \*\*\*\***

When mankind puts **ANY MAN ON A PEDESTAL, HE WILL SURELY FALL.** Jesus aid, I'm the Way, the Truth and Life. **HE WILL OUTSTAND THEM ALL.**

**John 3:17** -- Jesus said, for God sent not His Son (JESUS) into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Even though Tiger has committed the **SIN OF ADULTERY, GOD HAS ENOUGH GRACE AND MERCY. FOR TIGER, YOU AND ME!!!**

**Matthew 18:21-22** -- Peter said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus said, I say unto you, not seven times, but seventy times. **SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD OUR SINS BE BROUGHT INTO THE LIGHT, BETTER THAT OUR SINS SHAME US THAN WE GET THINGS RIGHT!!!**

**Romans 6:23** -- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tiger Woods puts his pants on just like any other man. He has a sexual desire that lead to his sexual SINS!

**EVEN KING DAVID, THE MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART, HE, TOO HAD TROUBLES WHEN THAT THING GOT HARD!!!**

**Psalm 51:1, 10-11** -- Have mercy upon me, O' GOD, according to your loving kindness: according unto the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O' GOD, and renew a right spirit within me.

The million dollars ARE **READY TO LEAVE TIGER ALONG. TIGER NEEDS JESUS IN HIS LIFE, THEN HIS MARRIAGE WILL BE STRONG!!!**

**Hebrews 13:4-5b** -- Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers God will not receive into His kingdom. **Continu e on Page 6**

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got started at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, December 13, 2009, 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 was "An Unexpected Sign." The scripture text was Isaiah 7:13-17; Luke 1:30-38. The Unifying Topic was "Prophets Foreshadow Messiah's Birth."

The teacher of the morning

was Rev. Alvin Butler. The review was given by Past or Canady.

The main t thought of the Sunday School lesson was: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give y you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." **Isaiah 7:14.**

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 am. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their

hearts and souls again.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was: "Are You Willing To Go?" The scripture text was Isaiah 6:8: The Song of Inspiration was: "Because of Who You Are."

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

Mission meets on Wednesday evening at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on

Friday evenings at 5:00 p.m.

The Ushers will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

All who are involved in these meetings are asked to be present

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

Let us pray for our sick and shut-in of the Lubbock Community. Your prayers are welcome.

Let us pray for Rev. Nina Davis, Rev. Walter Jackson, Sister Lola Byrd, and Sister Lorene Conaway.

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Let us remember the Federation of Choirs will be held at St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday, December 20, 2009. Everyone is welcome to be present at 2:30 p.m.

*Spirit of God, please change my heart and give me a new desire, Help me to be a man of peace who's not controlled by anger's fire.*

**Thought For The Week:** "Anger left unchecked is cause for alarm."

**To whom was the Son is given?**

He was not given to the angels, for they announced to the shepherds, "Great joy that will be for all people" (**Luke 2:10**). Isaiah said, "To us a child is born, to us a son is given" (**Isaiah 9:6**).

**John 3:16** says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." All those who choose not to believe exclude themselves. To choose neither child nor Son, birth nor gift, means to refuse the right to the deed as a gift of salvation.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking if you are pleased with your Christian Life this year? Take a look at these small t things which can si de t rack you.

**(Have you Lied this year?)**

1. Have you ever got to a redlight, looked both ways, and ran it?

2. Have you ever applied for a handicap sticker or license, and you and no one in your family is handicap?

3. Have you ever missed Bible Study and Prayer Meeting saying pray for you not feeling well. Later, your car is parked at the Bingo Hall on the back side.

4. Have you ever carried your groceries out in a cart and parked the cart against another vehicle?

5. Go to Church, sit through t he soul stirring sermon. Leave and get home. Sister Busy Body asks you what the Pastor preached on and you have no idea.

6. Your son has gotten in the drug thing and you want r raise the issue, because the money looks good, and you are enjoying the benefit.

**(Student General Order s)**

To be prompt to my appointed place of duty.

To show respect and listen to adults.

To show respect and listen to adults when they are telling you things that's right!

To present a clean nat appearance at all times.

To take part in all activities when instructed to do so.

To abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs, except when

prescribed by a Doctor.

Avoid fights and assaults.

Don't lie, chat , or steal, nor tolerate those who do.

Accept responsibility for all your actions.

Try to improve yourself each day.

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**(The Names of God Reveals**

the Nature of God). **Jehovah Elshaddai, God Our Supplier. Jehovah - Nassi God My Banner.**

**Elohim - God Our Creator. God Our Creator - Jehovah - Tsidkense. God My R Righteousness.**

Jehovah - Rapha. God My

**Healer. Jehovah - Jireh God My Provider.**

Jehovah - Rohi: God My Shepherd.

Jehovah - Our Eternal God. Jehovah - Shalom - God My Peace ace.

Adonai - Master Lord. Jehovah - M. - Kodesh - God My Sanctifier.

Jehovah - Shomano h - God Thed Abiding Presence.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast wish you and yours a **Blessed Christmas!** Remember it's the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**So Slow Down, Saints, and let's fall down and worship Him!!**

May God continue to bless and everyone one of you. God is always able, no matter the situa-

tion!

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Do make plans to come and visit with us next year as we meet the first Saturday morning of each month.

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

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Let us not forget the real reason for the Season as He is our Savior, Jesus Chrifst The Lord!



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# Obsequies

## Opal Evelyn Johnson

Wichita Falls, Texas -- Special - Funeral services were held for Opal Evelyn Johnson, a cousin of T. J. Patterson, Saturday morning, December 5, 2009, at the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Robert M. Castle, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Eastlawn Cemetery in Wichita Falls under the direction of Young & Company Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.

She was born February 1, 1922 in Waxahachie, Texas to the late Walter and Theresa Richie. She attended elementary school in Electra and Waxahachie. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Wichita Falls. At an early age, Evelyn accepted Christ at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. R. L. Castle and continued to be a faithful and dedicated member under the present pastor, Rev. Dr. R. M. Castle. She devoted her time to the Junior Choir, enjoyed cooking for the children of the Mount Pleasant Church family. She also served on Missionary No. 1.

She was employed by W. A. Lofton Oil Company until she retired.



Evelyn met and married Vernon R. Johnson, Sr. They were the proud parents of five children: Michael, Walter, Vernon, Jr., Diane, and Darene.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon R. Johnson, Sr., and three children: Walter, Diane and Darene; and her sister, Minnie Lee Richie.

She was a true homemaker to her family, along with raising her grandchildren: Angelia, Cozetta, Ramon and Harold. She dedicated her time to the church and community giving to all of those in need.

Evelyn leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, Michael Johnson (Faye) of Grand Prairie, Texas and Vernon R. Johnson, Jr. of Wichita Falls, Texas; twelve grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren; nineteen great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Roversa Mitchell of Wichita Falls, Texas; and a host of cousins and other relatives.

## James Whitfield

Ralls, Texas -- Services for James "Whit" Whitfield, Jr., 86, of Ralls were held last Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Ralls First Baptist Church.

Burial was held in the Ralls Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Whit passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Lubbock Heart Hospital.

He was born May 10, 1923 in Trinidad to the late Mozell (Hubbard) and James Willie Whitfield, Sr. On November 18, 1968 he married Rosia Lee Emerson in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on May 5, 1995.

Whit was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Ralls where he served as a deacon. He worked at Fred Shell Grain Co. in Ralls for 32 years as an elevator operator and superintendent.



He is preceded in death by a brother, R. L. Whitfield.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond of Ralls and Ralph of Garland; three daughters, Janis Whitfield of Ralls, Toni Adkison and Rose Marie Taylor both of Arlington; a sister Nellie Collins of Hereford; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

## Federation of Choirs Meets Sunday afternoon, December 20, 2009 The St. Matthew Baptist Church - 2:30 pm Rev. Edward Canady, Host Pastor

Hunter in Lamesa, Texas. She worked at the Fina in O'Donnell for several years. Celestine is preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hunter; three brothers; and three sisters.

Celestine is survived by her husband, Ira Rogers; eight children, Forris Washington (Beatrice), Ollie Hunter (Vicky), Stephen Hunter (Dee), Dante

Benson (Mrs. Benson), Krstal Rogers (Danny), Reginald Jones (Requel), and Latysa Jones (Ricky); one sister, Loisa Faye Boyd; one brother, Odell Hunter, Sr. (Dessie); special niece, Irion Ross; twenty-six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson



## THINK ABOUT IT!

"The Times We Are Living In!"

by  
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**FORMER LUBBOCK CITY COUNCILMAN WANTS TO EXPLORE NEED FOR LUBBOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT! THIS N THAT** ..... had a very interesting lunch ..... along with ..... **EDDIE P. RICHARDSON** ..... last week about the former Lubbock City Councilman ..... **VICTOR HERNANDEZ** ..... about creating a ..... **TASK FORCE** ..... to re-evaluate and determine the ..... **FEASIBILITY OF INSTITUTING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS** ..... According to the former city councilman and local attorney ..... the enrollment of ..... **SOUTH PLAINS**

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We are now living in a very complex, fast paced, hurry up, every one is in a hurry with no particular place to go. Behind can't catch up, hurry up, you are making me late but, for what? This is the electronic age, super high way, push button, instant, pre-mixed. Everyone is for self. What happened to "I am my brother's keeper?" This is the mind set of most of the population at this time but, on the other hand, there are still some so called normal people who take life as it really is -- one step and one day at a time and maintains respect, faith, and love for God. Self and mankind and take and respect life as it is and do not push and and try to make life to fit their agenda .

They must slow down and realize this is God's world and not theirs. Some of us are running so fast that the real world is passing us by. We are too busy to see or realize it. What a shame, as the old saying goes, they need to slow down and smell the coffee! How many of us have taken the time to slow down and really smell the coffee? Sometime some of us are so, so called busy that the real world is passing us, right in front of our noses while we think we are too busy to realize. It is passing us by! The modern age is good! It is even beautiful with all the conveniences, moderations, easy fi. It's computers, and every kind of electrical gadget under

the sun but, meanwhile, we need to go back to the basics and being human beings again. For example: love of family, self, neighbors, church, school, and community. As a whole, we must start caring for others and stop being selfish jealous, forget our own agendas and work collectively together for the good of all. Together we can work collectively. We can turn all the negatives to positives. Then there will be more peace and happiness for all of us. **CLOSING THOUGHT** We live in a fantasy world, a world of illusions, the greatest task in life is to find reality (Iris Murdock, Anglo-Iris author and philosopher (1919-1999).



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## Black Lawmakers Raise Heat on Obama to Focus on Minorities

**WASHINGTON (AP) --** Black lawmakers who have largely held their tongues during President Barack Obama's first year in office are stepping up their demands that the nation's first black president do more for minority communities hit hardest by the recession. While still careful about criticizing Obama publicly, they appear to be losing their patience after watching him dedicate more than \$1 trillion to prop up banks and corporations and fight wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, while double-digit unemployment among blacks crept even higher. "Obama has tried desperately to stay away from race, and all of us understand what he's doing," said Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Mo. "But when you have such a disproportionate number of African-Americans unemployed, it would be irresponsible not to direct attention and resources to the people who are receiving the greatest level of pain."

But frustration has been building. The 42-member Congressional Black Caucus flexed its influence last week when 10 of its members held up a financial regulation bill backed by the administration until leaders agreed to add about \$3 billion in foreclosure relief for struggling homeowners. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the House Financial Services Committee chairman, later added \$1 billion for neighborhood revitalization programs. During the stalemate, the lawmakers issued a statement saying they would no longer support public policy "defined by the world view of Wall Street."



Congresswoman Maxine Waters - D. Ca.

"Policy for the least of these must be integrated into everything that we do," they said. And earlier this week, the all-Democratic caucus responded to Obama's proposal for a new jobs package by saying it would insist on initiatives targeted to minorities. Pointing to outsized percentages of African-Americans losing their jobs and homes, caucus Chairwoman Barbara Lee, D-Calif., said Obama must live up to his campaign talk that racial disparities cannot be ignored. "The facts speak for themselves," Lee said. "The gaps are very real." Some have sought to pin blame on the president's advisers. "It's not the president. It's his

economic team," said Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla. "I don't think they're doing their job." The unemployment rate among African-Americans is nearly 16 percent, almost double the 9 percent rate for whites. Roughly one in four blacks lives in poverty, compared with about 11 percent of whites. Obama was a black caucus member in the Senate before winning the White House last year, but he has never had a close relationship with the group. In recent interviews, he has addressed their criticisms by saying he must represent the entire country, not any one population, and the best way to help low-income communities is to improve the overall economy. "I think it's a mistake to start thinking in terms of particular ethnic segments of the United

*In Cinque*  
by Renetta Howard  
anything can tell you that but the Medicare cost in-



Though the story of Santa Claus is a noble one wherein children who have been good and nice are duly rewarded with material things of their desire, they still need to know about Jesus Christ and the circumstances surrounding his sacred birth and what it means for mankind. Santa Claus represents that part of the holiday which makes the commercial side of the holiday blossom into the jingle of dollars for merchants. We need to get 'in cinque' and help our children to be thankful for the birth of Jesus Christ who has taught us to love unconditionally and help to have 'PEACE ON EARTH and GOODWILL TOWARD MEN!'

That special day of the year is almost here. As soon as schools close for the holidays, the frenzy begins. Children are excited and for all practical purposes, school could be dismissed earlier because most children by now only have their minds on what they will get for Christmas and how much they will enjoy the holiday freedom from reading and writing and concern about any books at all. Some schools and some churches have Christmas plays or activities which lead up to Christmas, which involves school aged children. Many of them are busy practicing for a play and that coupled with the thought of what Christmas will bring keeps them occupied. Many children are especially good at this time of year because they want Santa Claus and their parents to make sure that their wishes are fulfilled on Christmas night. Hopefully, all children will get their wishes. Christmas, however, is not just for children, though sometimes it appears that it would be better celebrated if it were. We could help our children by letting them know the story of Jesus instead of, or in the place of the story of Santa Claus or Chris Cringle.

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## Tiger's Troubles Widen His Distance From Blacks

Amid all the headlines generated by Tiger Woods' troubles - the puzzling car accident, the suggestions of marital turmoil and multiple mistresses - little attention has been given to the race of the women linked with the world's greatest golfer. Except in the black community.

When three white women were said to be romantically involved with Woods in addition to his blonde, Swedish wife, blogs, air-waves and barbershops started humming, and Woods' already tenuous standing among many blacks took a beating.

On the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner radio show, Woods was the butt of jokes all week.

"Thankfully, Tiger, you didn't marry a black woman. Because if a sister caught you running around with a bunch of white hoochie-mamas," one parody suggests in song, she would have castrated him.

"The Grinch's Theme Song" didn't stop there: "The question everyone in America wants to ask you is, how many white women does one brother waaaant?"

As one blogger, Robert Paul Reyes, wrote: "If Tiger Woods

had cheated on his gorgeous white wife with black women, the golfing great's accident would have been barely a blip in the blogosphere."

The darts reflect blacks' resistance to interracial romance. They also are a reflection of discomfort with a man who has smashed barriers in one of America's whitest sports and assumed the mantle of the world's most famous athlete, once worn by Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan.

But Woods has declined to identify himself as black, and famously chose the term "Cablinasian" (Caucasian, black, Indian and Asian) to describe the racial mixture he inherited from his African-American father and Thai mother.

This vexed some blacks, but it hasn't stopped them from claiming Woods as one of their own. Or from disapproving of his marriage to Elin Nordegren, despite blacks' historical fight against white racist opponents of mixed marriage.

On the one hand, Ebonie Johnson Cooper doesn't care that Tiger Woods' wife and alleged mistresses are white because



Tiger Woods

Woods is "quote-unquote not really black."

"But at the same time we still see him as a black man with a white woman, and it makes a difference," said Johnson Cooper, a 26-year-old African-American from New York City. "There's just this preservation thing we have among one another. We like to see each other with each other."

Black women have long felt slighted by the tendency of famous black men to pair with white women, and many have a list of current transgressors at the ready.

"We've discussed this for years among black women," said Denene Millner, author of several books on black relationships. "Why is it when they get to this level... they tend to go directly for the nearest blonde?"

This tendency may be more prominent due to a relative lack of interracial marriages among average blacks. Although a recent Pew poll showed that 94 percent of blacks say it's all right for blacks and whites to date, a study published this year in Sociological Quarterly showed that blacks are less likely to actually date outside their race than are other groups.

"There is a call for loyalty that is stronger in some ways than in other racial communities," said the author of the study, George Yancey, a sociology professor at the University of North Texas and author of the book "Just Don't Marry One."

The color of one's companion has long been a major measure of "blackness" - which is a big reason why the biracial Barack Obama was able to fend off early questions about his black authenticity.

"Had Barack had a white wife, I would have thought twice about voting for him," Johnson Cooper said.

So do Woods' women say something about the intensely private golfer's views on race?

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States rather than to think that we are all in this together and we are all going to get out of this together," he said.

Many blacks in Congress take exception to that view, arguing that decades of neglect and dis-

### Thank God For Jesus

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God will judge. For He (JESUS) has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.

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crimination warrant particular attention to minority concerns. Veteran black lawmakers such as Rep. Maxine Waters.

### Parson Smith

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Jason Hancock noted that after a week of pressure from activist groups and the media, numerous conservative politicians and Christian leaders that have been linked to the law (Uganda's anti-homosexual) have publicly spoken out against it, including Rick Warren, author and leader of California's Saddleback Church and U.S. Sen. James Inhofe, Republican-Oklahoma.

The question all of us professed to be Christians need to ask of ourselves is: "What would we do if our child was gay?" Would we want them to be executed by the United States government? Would we want a child of ours who was gay to be criminalized because we believe that they were not born gay? Would we feel inferior in a society of having a child where secrets Christian groups would impose their so called law from

their god because of their anti-gay bigot behavior? Yet, these same bigots have secrets clubs and even churches where they break their married vows and have stolen America and the world blind! Would we love our child (our own blood) in spite of?

I have been preaching more than a half a century and I come to know that in spite of whatever I am and spite of my ill behavior, Jesus loved even me! That same Jesus loved my child that is gone on to glory and that same Jesus love gays. He just does not agree with the sin! Nor does He agree with the acts of sin of all humanity. How shameful for it is for American so-called Evangelical Christians to encourage the leaders of Uganda to pass a law to make homosexuality a crime that ends in death by human hands.

No wonder people think church is a game! What is the penalty for being a hypocrite?

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