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The Black Press is Alive
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Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass Coming To Lubbock



Michael Crutcher, Sr.



John Voehl

The Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council has partnered with the Lincoln-Douglass Committee to bring the spirit of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass to Lubbock. Two nationally recognized performers: John Voehl of Colorado and Michael Crutcher, Sr. of Kentucky, will portray the two American heroes who helped make possible the precious freedoms we celebrate today. Both men are devout Tech University Merket Alumni Center on the ITU campus.

John Voehl, who will portray Abe Lincoln, will be accompanied by his wife, Pamela, representing Mary Todd Lincoln. Voehl is a member of the National Lincoln Presenters Association and has performed in more than 160 Lincoln performances. Michael Crutcher is one of the top Douglass performers in the nation and can be seen in the movie Dreamer, with actors Dakota Fanning and Kurt Russell.

City Councilman Floyd Price Will Announce His Re-election Bid



City Councilman Floyd Price

City Councilman Floyd Price, District Two, will announce his intent to seek a second term on Friday afternoon, January 4, 2008, at the Patterson Library in the Mildred Deo Conference, at 1:00 p. m.

All concerned people are

member of the National Lincoln Presenters Association and has performed in more than 160 Lincoln performances. Michael Crutcher is one of the top Douglass performers in the nation and can be seen in the movie Dreamer, with actors Dakota Fanning and Kurt Russell.

All proceeds generated from the dinner theater-styled performances will be utilized to encourage the future growth of the event and to provide scholarships for deserving high school students throughout the area. The event is being made possible, in part, by a grant from the Lubbock Area Foundation. For more information, contact Emma Jackson at (806) 762-3330.

AARP Celebrate Fashion Show With Hats and Holiday Wear

Held at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center Last Month



Gift Certificate Presentation

Saturday, December 15, 2007, the Concerned Citizens presented Marle Taylor with a \$150.00 Gift Card Shopping at United Supermarket Parkway.

"Each year, we select a needy family to provide assistance with their Christmas," said Evelyn Mojekwa, a Concerned Citizen member. Ms. Mojekwa further stated that "our organization provided \$100.00 and United Supermarket provided \$50.00.

"United Parkway has been very good to us in giving donations and we are very appreciative for their assistance," stated Eunice Lindsay, another Concerned Citizen member. Ms. Taylor, has not only faced health issues, but a tragic loss within her family, as well. She stated, "I didn't know anything about the Concerned Citizens and I am very happy that they selected me for this gift. When my health is better, I plan to join them."

Ms. Taylor's sister, along with Concerned Citizens members Betty Middleton and Dwight Pierce were also present.

Gwen Denson Scholarship Awarded

Each year, the Concerned Citizens award a scholarship in honor of Gwen Denson, a founding member of the Concerned Citizens who died. The scholarship is presented for the second semester to a local student who is enrolled in college.

This year, the Scholarship Committee selected Shakisha Luelien of Wayland Baptist University as the recipient of the \$500.00 Concerned Citizens/Gwen Denson Scholarship.

Scholarship Committee members are William Burrell, Charles Burrell, and Joan Jones.

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Community

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Peterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month 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 Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Gaudalope & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chalman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 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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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

As we enter into a the New Year, let us be thankful for what has happened to us over the past year. At the same time, let us do what's best for the entire community. So let us take this time and with each of you a most prosperous New Year!

All interested groups who would like to have their February events included in the city-wide Black History Month Calendar scheduled to be submitted to the printer for publication on January 20, 2008, should call Shirley Ann Green at (806) 794-8600 or email the following information: name of the event, hosting organization, the time, date, location, contact person, the costs (if any) and

information call Pierce at 781-8536.

The City-wide Black History Month Calendar is a project of the Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council.

The Association for Women in Communications is taking nominations for the following: Headliner Awards for people whose achievements or contribution; Gold Medals for people who have worked over time to improve the quality of life; and the Louise Allen Award for an entity has exhibited outstanding corporate community service.

Send suggestions to Melissa Pierce, 18201 CR 1640, Wolfforth, Texas 79382. For more

information call Pierce at 781-8536.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens throughout the Lubbock Community and Nation.

traveled to Floydada for the fifth Sunday. All had a spirit filled time.

Let us continue to pray for all who who are sick and shut-in, in the hospital and nursing homes. Remember, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Let us not forget about the Free Income Tax preparation and filing services available to income guidelines residents at the Lubbock Housing Authority building on January 22nd thru April 15, 2008, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. On Wednesday, 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. and Saturday, 9:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m.

You must bring your W-2 and 1099 forms; Social Security card; photo ID's, and last year's tax returns; voided check deposit slip for direct deposit into account within ten days.

We'd like to thank all who

New Light Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, December 30, 2007, church services got underway at the New Light Baptist Church with Sunday School beginning at 10:05 a. m. with Brother Bruce Austin teaching the lesson. The subject of the morning lesson was "Bowing Before The Savior." The scripture text was Matthew 2:1-12. A question was: "Why does Jesus deserve first place in life?"

Faith." Rev. Elijah Austin delivered the morning sermon. His text was found in Luke 2:8-14; John 1:18.

The Senior Choir sang two uplifting songs. They were "I'll Go," and "We All Should Be Willing To Go," which were led by Sister Angela and Sister Cavanaugh.

The morning worship got underway at 11:00 a. m. with our devoted Praise Team leading it. The Senior Choir marched in singing "We've Come This far By

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Wednesday Services

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Rev. Sonia J. Beary

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Lubbock Libraries Schedule

Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library
The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 3. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Teens Stay Fit at Patterson Branch Library
The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to "Keep Busy, Stay Fit, Join the Fun," a new program at the library. Join us every Thursday beginning January 3 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. for a different activity. For more information, call 767-3300.

Adult Reading Program begins January 7 at Lubbock Public Library
The "Reading Raider Book Club" will begin its second annual Adult Reading Program on January 7 at the Lubbock Public Library. Each registered participant will receive a bookmark and the opportunity to win prizes during the program, which

ends on March 28. Monthly drawings will be scheduled at each library location during the course of the event. A reception honoring the participants and the Grand Prize drawing will be held at the Mahon Library on March 29. Participants must be at least 18 and may register and receive program details at the information desk at any of the four Lubbock Public Library locations, including Mahon, 3306 9th St., Godeke Branch, 6601 Quaker, Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th St., and Patterson, 1836 Parkway Drive.

The winner of the Grand Prize will enjoy a day of shopping worth \$200.00 provided by the Friends of the Library, Terry Taylor of D and D Cable Services, Stella's Restaurant, and Sophisticats Salon.

The other prizes have been donated by Starbucks, Sugarbaker's, Gristy's Dry Cleaning & Laundry, United Supermarkets, Rosa's Cafe & Tortilla Factory, Dimba's Chicken & Seafood, Cathy's Downtown, Olive Garden, Mardel's, and more.

For more information, please call 767-3303.

Information About Watch Night

Editor's Note: This information was made known at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. Sonia J. Beary, pastor. It was written by Charyn D. Sutton.

"Watch Night"

If you live in or grew up in a Black community in the United States, you have probably heard of "Watch Night Services," the gathering of the faithful in church on New Year's Eve. The service usually begins anywhere from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. and ends at midnight with the entrance of the New Year. Some folks come to church first, before going out to celebrate. For others, church is the only

New Year's Eve event.

Like many others, I always assumed that Watch Night was a fairly standard Christian religious service - made a bit more Afrocentric because that's what happens when elements of Christianity become linked with the Black Church. And yes, there is history of Watch Night in the Methodist tradition. Still, it seemed that most predominately White Christian churches did not include Watch Night services on their calendars, but focused instead on Christmas Eve programs. In fact, there were clergy in Mainline denominations wondered aloud about the propriety of linking religious services with a secular

Resident's of Carillon Senior LifeCare Community Enjoy a Christmas Treat

Each year at Christmas time residents are entertained by the staff of Carillon Senior LifeCare Community. It is their way of saying thank you to all of the residents for their generous contribution to the Employee Gift Fund which rose over \$50 thousand this year. Whether it is a reenactment of the Dating Game or a surprise performance by the Village People it is a non stop laugh fest which the residents thoroughly enjoy. This year the employees took a look into the future and a glimpse into past decades with performances by all Carillon departments. If the future is anything like what was portrayed in the performance, the residents are in for a downward spiral because great customer service and a sincere human connection is what makes Carillon such a great place to be. Preparations are already being made for next year's performance and residents and staff alike can hardly wait.

Baseball Is Here!!!

Martin Luther King Little League Registration

Will Hold Sign-Up On Saturdays
January 5th, 12th, 19th And 26th, 2008
10:00am Untile 3:00pm
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Juniors League Baseball Ages 13
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Where's the party?
South Plains Mall

FASHION TIP
ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

Fashion - Just for fun of it!

holiday like New Year's Eve.

However, in doing some research, I discovered there are two essential reasons for the importance of New Year's Eve services in African American congregations. Many of the Watch Night Services in Black communities that we celebrate today can be traced back to gatherings on December 31, 1862, also known as "Freedom's Eve." On that night, Americans of African descent throughout the nation, anxiously awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law. Then, at the stroke of midnight, it was January 1, 1863, and according

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Scholarship Awarded

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Congratulations are in order to Ms. Shakisha Luellen. Dwight Pierce is president of the Concerned Citizens.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Fallacy of Black Freedom

Some time ago, I was confer-
ring with some young black males
in a fatherly manner about their
attitude and how they behaved
and presented themselves in what
is believed to be a free and whole-
some society.

I took the opportunity to
express how my generation and
those before us had fought for the
civil rights of all Americans and
especially black Americans. I
called to their attention the fallacy
in the word freedom as it relates to
black Americans. I grabbed their
attention in printing a picture of
how the word freedom is not an
exact science in America when
black Americans are involved.

These young black males were
reminded of a variety of areas in
their black world that are still suf-
fering disproportionately from
social ills. These included public
education, housing, employment,
and healthcare, illegal immigration
among others. One of the things
I pointed out to them was
perhaps in no other area have
these problems been displayed as
prominently as in the realm of
crime and the criminal justice sys-
tem.

I do not have at hand the statisti-
cal information on the number of
black Americans involved in the
criminal justice system in the
Lubbock area. However, one
need only to look at television
news cast and witness a sea of
black faces sitting at the defense
table or shackled together on the
bus transporting prisoners from

the jail to court hearing.

One only has to visit the prison
systems in East and South Texas
to see mothers, wives, girlfriends
who have traveled many miles
and used precious time to wait in
a chain of wire guarded by men
and women with armed weapons
to see their loved ones.

One does not have a real sense
of the moment unless they have
had the experience as a mother,
father, wife or loved one to be
treated like an inmate themselves
when arriving at the prison gates
and an inspection crew of arm
guards search their vehicle, put
them down and being led by
guards through a forest of barbed
fence to see that black boy they
loved engaged like a wild beast.

The new black male who has
made it to the top on the back of
lowly black Americans need to
come to grip with the fact his rear
part does not weigh a thousand
pounds. The black males who
have embarrassed black America
in 2007 by their ill behavior need
to come to grip with the fact their
negative actions and criminal
behavior has set black America
back a number of years.

Whether one agree or not, the
handwriting in on the wall and is
being scripted daily. There is a
new brother in town that does not
have the intelligence to know that
he or she is being used by the neo-
cons to foster their agenda and by
corporate America for monetary
gains.

The poor souls who have

moved in and swallowed up the
jobs those black Americans who
are released from prison could do
to improved their lot and become
productive citizens are in for a
great surprise. Is America on its
way to become like the Middle
East because of greed, racism and
the criminal justice system? Is a
wall being built that will pit lowly
brother against lowly brother
which will lead to the death of
America?

Safim Muwakkil wrote on
October 16, 2007, in an article
(Jena and the Post-Civil Rights
Fallacy), "Around the country,
black males face a criminal justice
system that incarcerates them
more than eight times the rate of
white. Most of America's penal
institutions are festering holding
pens for black and Latino
youth....Black America is under
the assault of a biased criminal
justice system, and the Jena
protest was a spasm of its collec-
tive consciousness....the media
has been awash in assessments of
a new cohort of black leadership.
These neophytes are generally
described as well-educated (often
Ivy Leaguers), non-ideological
coalition builders-in that they
were not nurtured in the race-
tinged battleground of the civil
rights movement....Obama is a
black politician seeking national
consensus. If he responded to
every expression of racial bias, he

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We Thank God for Jesus

"America's Sins And Her Shame"

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

Jeremiah 8:7-8a - The Lord
said, Yes, the stork in heaven
knows her appointed times, and
the turtle and the crane and the
swallows observe the time of their
coming. But my people know
not the judgement of the Lord.
How do you say we are wise,
and the law of the Lord is with
us?

America was founded on the
word of God. It use to be her
only guidelines. But wanted
their rights like Adam in the
Garden wanted to use his own
mind.

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if
you continue in my words, then
are ye my disciples indeed, and
you shall know the truth, and the
truth shall make you free.

***** Mankind Can Only Be
Free In Jesus Christ!!! *****

When the Churches marche
against the law, and didn't obey
the policeman. This was disobedi-
ent in America. She wanted rights,
and became a troubled land!!!

1 Peter 2:13-16 - Submit
yourself to every ordinance of man
for the Lord's sake. Whether it be
to the King (President) as
supreme, or unto Governors, as
unto them that are sent by Him
(Policeman) for the punishment of
Evildoers (Marchers), and for the
praise of them that do well.
For so is the will of God that with
well doing you may put to silence

the ignorance of foolish men. As
free and not a sing your liberty for
a cloak of maliciousness. But as
the servants of God, honor all
men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear
God, honor the King.

***** Blessed Are The
Peacemakers; Curse Are The
Trouble Makers *****

When the children watched
the adults, and the Policeman
who didn't obey. The children
use my rights thing. Now to be
disobedience to parents today!!!

Matthew 15:14 - Jesus said,
let them along, they be blind
leaders of the blind, and if the
blind lead the blind, both shall
all into the ditch.

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not
deceived, God is not mocked.
For whatsoever a man sow
(Plant) that shall he also reap
(Harvest). For he that sows the
flesh shall of the flesh reap cor-
ruption. But he that sows to the
spirit shall of the spirit reap life
everlasting.

America can go to the moon,
do all the body transplants, and
think she is smart. She doesn't
want to have God no longer in
homes, courts, churches, and
hearts!!!

Isaiah 57:20-21 - The
wicked are like the troubled sea.
When it cannot rest whose
waters cast up mire and dirt.
There is no peace, said my God

to the wicked.

America has gotten so proud
of herself. She kicked God out
of her schools. Now she is trou-
bled in everway, because her
leaders played the fool!!!

Romans 1:18, 21a-22 - For
the wrath of God is revealed
from Heaven against all ungod-
liness and unrighteousness of
men who hold the truth
(Christians) in unrighteousness,
because that, when they knew
God, they glorified him not as
God, neither were thankful, pro-
fessing themselves to be wise.
They (Christians) became fools.

America has school killings,
wild fires, floods, terrorist
killings, disasters of all kinds,
the high price of gas. Now we
hear her crying out to God all
the times!!!

America is raising up a
nation full of liars and killers
like Adam and Cain. They will
commit the crime, and then play
crazy, saying, "We're insane!!!"

**Deuteronomy 28:15a-16-
20** - The Lord said it shall come
to pass if you will not listen unto
the voice of the Lord God cur-
sed shall you be in the city, and
cursed shall be the fruit of your
body, and the fruit of your land.
The increase of your kine
(Cattle), and the flocks of your
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well
attended last Sunday morning,
December 30, 2007, at the St.
Matthew Baptist Church, 2020
East 14th Street, where the proud
pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with

Sunday School with Sister Luella
Harris, Superintendent, in charge.
It was another wonderful lesson
taught by Sister Harris, and
reviewed by Pastor Canady. The
subject was "Hearing and Telling
Good News." The scripture text

was Luke 2:22-35.

The morning worship hour
began with devotions at 11:15 a.
m. with Sister Ethel Williams and
Sister Barbara Johnson were in
charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist
Church Choir sang out of their
hearts and souls to the congrega-
tion. These dedicated choir mem-
bers are always ready and eager to
sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a
powerful message. His subject
was "Keep On Telling It". His
scripture text was Acts 2:20.

Remember if you are looking
for a Church Home, the St.
Matthew Baptist Church doors are
always open.

Let us remember our sick and
shut-in who include Sister Bernice
Hammed who is a patient at
Covenant M.J.C.U., Bed #47. Let
us pray for Sister Hammed.

Sister Oretha Moore is still
shut-in.

As we always make known,
today they are the one's and
tomorrow it could be you or I.
Always remember God is able!
Just a little kindness to someone
on the sick and shut-in list will go
a mighty long ways. Let's not for-
get that!

Sister Annie Onasanya's
son, Ronnie Brown, both of Fort
Worth, Texas visited with her for
the New Year Holiday and was in
attendance at St. Matthew Baptist
Church last Sunday morning. It
was just good to see Ronnie.

Thought of the Week: "A
word of encouragement can make
a difference between giving up or
going on."

Here is something to think
about for the New Year: Patience
should characterize the life of

every believer who is trying to do
God's will. This virtue is illustrat-
ed by John Wooden in his book,
"They Call Me Coach." The
author, who was head basketball
coach at UCLA for many years,
said, "In game play, it has always
been my philosophy that patience
will win out. By that, I mean
patience to follow our game plan.
If we do believe in it, we will get
them. If we break away from our
style, however, and play their
style, we're in trouble. And if we
let our emotions command the
game rather than our reason, we
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Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Prayer For Our Nation

Father, in the name of your
Son Jesus. We bring before you
this nation, and its leaders. Father,
you say in your word that you
reproves leaders for our sake so
that we may live a quite and
peaceable life in all godliness and
honesty. We pray skillful and
Godly wisdom has entered into
the heart of our President, and all
other leaders, and that knowledge
is pleasant to them; discretion
watches over them and under-
standing keep them and delivers
them from the ways of evil and
from the ways of evil and from
evil men.

drive by prayers going as you go
to your job. As you pass your
neighbor's house, the church
house, pray, Saints!! When you
get to your job, say a prayer for
your Boss before you punch in
your time card. Thank God for
your safety to work. In the gro-
cery store, thank Him for the food
as you fill your baskets before
you take your medication and ask
God to bless every pill.
Pray for your doctor!

The members of the Outreach
Prayer Breakfast will meet in the
home of Sister Christine

Burleson, 2409 East 9th Street, on
Saturday morning, January 5,
2008, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Thank you for reading. You
are so kind to read our weekly col-
umn each week. So hang in there,
God's People! Have Blessed Year!

Remember this: God has said
He will not leave us. He said that
He will never forsake us. You
know we can always trust His
Word unchanging, and new hope
and encourage take."

Sister Dorothy Hood, presi-
dent; Sister Christine Burleson,
vice president; and Sister Eloora
Jones, teacher.

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ

763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBois, Minister

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Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
Worship - 7:00pm

Monday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Men
All men saved - Romans 1:20
Love Christ first for our sin - 1 Cor. 8:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will, and obey Him in order to be saved -
Matt. 23:1-10; Luke 11:20
How do we stay there?
How do we grow? - Romans 12:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7-8
Repent of your sin - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:9
Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ - Acts 2:38
Be filled with the Holy Spirit - Eph. 5:18

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Obsequies

Vernell Baldwin



She was born January 27, 1919.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Brady Baldwin, Sr.; his children: Gloria Nell King, Brady Baldwin, Jr., and Bernadette Fleeks; nieces, Sandra Dailey and Rosalind Stevens; nephews, Hubert Stevens and George Stevens; four aunts, an uncle, a host of grandchildren, great nieces, other relatives, and many, many friends.

Funeral services were held for Vernell Baldwin last Saturday morning, December 29, 2007, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She passed away Saturday, December 22, 2007, at Lakeside Rehabilitation Center.

Vergie Bernice Perkins



Memorial services for Vergie Bernice Perkins were held Friday afternoon, December 28, 2007, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Private disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Friday, December 21, 2007, at the Southwest Regional Rehabilitation Center.

She was born January 4, 1950. She leaves to mourn her passing: a daughter, Tameki; two sons, Michael and Cardell Griffin, Jr.; five grandchildren; her mother, Annie Ruth Woodruff; eight siblings; a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Funeral Services Set For Mrs. Lovie Gene Cunningham Saturday

Funeral services will be held for a longtime resident of Lubbock, Mrs. Lovie Gene Cunningham, Saturday afternoon, January 6, 2007, at 1:00 p. m. at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock. Burial will be held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow.

She passed away Monday, December 31, 2007.

Cornellus Washington



Funeral services were held for Cornellus Washington last Friday afternoon, December 28, 2007, at Agape Church of God in Christ where the pastor is Bishop W. H. Watson.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Monday, December 24, 2007, at the University Medical Center.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his father, T. L. Washington, Sr.; a dedicated companion, Susie pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home, independently owned and operated, in Lubbock. Interment was held in the Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

two children Kevin Davis and Angel Davis, five grandchildren, fourteen sisters, nine brothers; a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

Annie Thomas



Funeral services were held for Annie Thomas last Monday afternoon, December 1, 2007, for Annie Thomas at the Wesley Memorial COGIC.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She passed away Thursday, December 27, 2007, at the University Medical Center.

Mrs. Thomas was born March 30, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lang in Kervens.

She is preceded in death by a son, K. L. Thomas, Jr., her mother, father, four sisters, and two brothers.

She is survived by a daughter, Olivia Thomas of Lubbock; a son, Charles Thomas of Dallas; two sisters, Mary E. Adams and Linda Kenelo of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

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Thomas has vitiligo, a disorder in which pigment-making cells are destroyed. White patches appear on different parts of the body, tissues in the mouth and nose, and the retina.

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As many as 65 million people worldwide have the disorder, including up to 2 million in the United States.

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The holiday, then will of necessity, be engaged as an ancient and living cultural tradition which reflects the best of African thought and practice in its reaffirmation of the dignity of the human person in community and culture, the well-being of family and community, the integrity of the environment and our kinship with it, and the rich resource and meaning of a people's culture. It is within this understanding, then, that the Organization Us, the founding organization of Kwanzaa and the authoritative keeper of the tradition, has established and maintains this website.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE WILL ANNOUNCE FOR SECOND TERM! THIS N THAT was advised by **CITY COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE** of District Two he will announce his bid for another four year term on Friday afternoon January 4, 2008 at the T. J. & Bobbie Gene Patterson Branch Library 1836 Parkway Drive beginning at 1:00 p. m. He will be the only one file for this position at this report..... He told **HE EXCITED ABOUT SERVING ONCE AGAIN**..... During this year's election will be for three city councilpersons and a mayor.....**THIS N THAT** has been advised that **MAYOR DAVID MILLER** will seek another term..... Word has also been in the street that **TOM MARTIN** will seek the Mayor's seat again as he was defeated by Miller in the last Mayoral Election..... So all of you who are not registered had better do so as this will be a very interesting election year..... Anyway **COUNCILMAN PRICE** has stepped up to the political plate and is ready and waiting for the game..... as he says come by and be part of his press conference on Friday afternoon at the Patterson Library beginning at 1:00 P. M.

WAIT UNTIL AFTER MAY ELECTIONS! THIS N THAT would advise the present **MAYOR & LUB-**

BOCK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS to consider **WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE MAY ELECTIONS** to call the proposed **\$104 MILLION** election..... In the opinion of **THIS N THAT** it would make good sense to put the May Elections off until after the May Elections..... After being involved for 20 years in policy making decisions one learned that it is wise to have the complete **SUPPORT** of the entire team..... In other words people like to be part of the total package and not left out..... Just something for the present Mayor & City Council to think about.....

STILL WAITING FOR YOUR STATEMENT, COUNCILMAN KLEIN! THIS N THAT is still waiting to receive a statement from **CITY COUNCILMAN TODD KLEIN** District Three about his concept of things happening in **EAST LUBBOCK**..... Of course it may not be the answer to the many problems existing but I see how an **ELECTED OFFICIAL** sees the need..... So **COUNCILMAN KLEIN** **THIS N THAT** is still waiting..... Hopefully it will be printed in his newspaper in the near future..... Will be looking to hearing from you **COUNCILMAN KLEIN**.....

GOOD TO SEE THE INTEREST IN THE NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION! THIS N

THAT is just hoping the support will continue in a very positive way..... With the help of the private side of the community much will happen for this organization..... If it happens there will be a great difference in the **EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY**..... It is just good to see **TWO FORMER MAYORS OF LUBBOCK** **DAVID LANGSTON & MARC MCDUGAL** conduct important meetings in behalf of this need corporation..... Oh yes..... the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation will continue to grow for the better..... Hopefully many of you in the North & East Lubbock areas will also get involved with this effort..... **THIS N THAT** is looking for a Sunday afternoon at the **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** a program will be brought forward and the word about this program will move to another level..... Of course there are so many other organizations in Lubbock who needs a special presentation about what this organization is all about..... Stay tune for more info.....

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Think About It!

Good Bye 2007; Welcome 2008!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Yesterday has come and gone! It can't be retrieved. Tomorrow is not here, and we can't claim it. You see, one can't claim what he has never had. This is why everyone should be in love with today. The present, which is now, always love it, and make the best of it at all times.

We can not reclaim what is already gone, and we can't grasp what is not here. So that means one thing, you have to use what you have while you have it.

As we review the year 2007, we can see the results of some cases where the use of it, at that time, the best use of time was not in the best in the interest of all concerned. The North & East Lubbock Development Corporation did not have the support from the top that it should have had in the early stages of 2007. Thank God before the year was out, the tide did change with the help of two former Mayors and other key players. Hope it will move ahead for the good of all of Lubbock since the so called new Lubbock - southwest and mostly

south Lubbock - is flourishing, and North and east Lubbock, especially East Lubbock with the most underdeveloped land with the most potential for growth, is virtually at a stand still.

One thing that is a fact, no matter what Lubbock can not be truly Lubbock for no one until Lubbock is truly Lubbock for everyone and every area when one part of Lubbock is sick like the body which should be all of Lubbock. Until all of Lubbock is well, none of Lubbock is well.

Another move was to call a bond election when the City of Lubbock did not have its house in good order and call a major bond election. It was a very short sighted proposal which was a hard sell to the citizens of Lubbock. All in all, Lubbock didn't buy it. As it is apparently seen, leadership comes from the top and works down in. But in his case, the leadership was not in place so everyone lost.

As we enter the New Year, 2008, we hope we correct our shortcomings from 2007 and

make 2008 the best year. You see, the best year is yet to come, it is never too late!

As we look at 2008, let us not forget 2008 is an election year, and the big one - the Presidential Election next November for the next President of the United States of America. Also as we approach all of these elections, let us be sure we are registered so we can vote! If you do so, you will have a very good reason to complain if your candidate wins or loses the election. On the other hand, if you didn't vote, then shut the heck up!

Closing Thought: "The one sure way to tell a leader, a leader will try to get something for you, not from you!!" (Abraham Spires).

Remember this a new year, and we still have much work to do in our community. East Lubbock still needs some more movement, and you can help with your precious energy. Just think what you'd happen if we were on same page?

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




This is a new year and for many of us, we have made new resolutions which we hope and plan to keep. We aim high, though we know that some of our goals may not be met. Institutions, just like people know the odds of plans materializing just as we hoped. All too often, there are

obstacles which we find in our way of which we have no control. Despite the lack of control, we forge ahead toward the end anyway. This is the normal way to conquer our obstacles. Sometimes, time is on our side and we wear the obstacle down and get it under our control.

There are some things in this life which time has helped to take a toll on our lives and that is the rising cost of everything, and a time in our lives when it takes a lifetime to pay for some important things, such as a college education and a decent home. There has been a time in history when patience and hard work paid for both of these items in a few years and made it possible to have a

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Only the rich upper class families can afford to send their children to college without some type of loan, and they too, are the only people who can purchase a home without taking a lifetime to pay the mortgage. Students, who must have loans to secure a college education, enter the world of work with a heavy debt hanging over their heads. If they also got caught in the credit card rush as minors, and accumulated debts with them, they have a double load to pay. The only options they have are bankruptcy or pay as best as possible.

If a student chooses bankruptcy, he may never be able to be a homeowner or have decent credit throughout his lifetime. If he chooses to pay as best as possible,

he may scrimp and save for a lifetime before he is able to accumulate enough money to make a decent purchase of any kind. This is not fair to our future generations. Are we fostering a generation of gifted and talented educated young people who will not realize their worth in society? Will these young people take a long look at our economic situation, pass laws to not just cut the interest rates, but salaries, cost of goods, corporate profits, inflation, out-sourcing of all kinds, the federal governments' influence over education, more restrictions on productions of all kinds, exports and imports. Will they be the generation of bringing America back to normalcy? We need to get 'in cinque' and see that some of these ideas are fostered in 2008.

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Denzel Washington Discusses New Film "The Great Debaters"

by
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Denzel Washington

Denzel Washington stepped behind the camera for the second time to make *The Great Debaters*, an inspirational bio-pic about Professor Melvin Tolson, the debate coach at a small black college in the South, whose inexperienced team, in 1935, shocked the world by taking on some seasoned nationally-ranked competition. Here, Denzel, who also plays Tolson in the picture, opines on everything from acting to directing to being a role model.

KW: How do you feel about directing?

DW: I have a new career. In the last seven years, I've directed two films, and I'm passionate about that. To get the opportunity to do that, and to enjoy a measure of success, and not just success but to hear people respond in a positive way to the film is a great feeling for me. They say that 80% of a director's job is casting.

We found four great young actors and gave them the opportunity of a lifetime as far as their acting careers are concerned. There are some brilliant performances by these young actors. They're well on their way.

KW: What sold you on the script of *The Great Debaters*?

DW: It was a great read on many levels. I think it's a really wonderful story about language and education. And, like I've been telling people, I also look upon it as a sports movie. They're the little train that could, and they go up against Goliath. And it's set at a time in our country when there was a lot of turmoil and racism and poverty and the Depression. But they came through all of that and were able to find a way to focus their energy, come together as a unit, and go up against the big boys and knock 'em off the pedestal.

KW: Do you think that the old-fashioned values that Melvin Tolson instilled in his students will last on the youth of today?

DW: In my opinion, we live like a fast food society. Get there

quick. Do it fast. Everything's fast-fast-fast. But faster is not necessarily better. There's a process to reaching a goal and, unfortunately, a lot of kids find that out when it's too late. In many ways, in our society, it's our responsibility, if not fault, that we've sold our kids a bill of goods for a dollar, basically. I think the way that these young people are being taught by Tolson and Farmer [James Farmer, Sr.] in *The Great Debaters* is still going on now as well. I don't know that it's always news. It's not always popular, but it is effective.

KW: But how could you expect today's role models to try to reach kids who embrace gangsta rap and the materialism, misogyny and self-destructive associated with that thug mentality?

DW: Young people join gangs because that's where they find love and support and people who believe in them. That means somebody dropped the ball, and they look like you and me. We're adults. We've dropped the ball. So, we have to reach out, we have to not give up on our youth. I struggled as a teenager, and got into trouble, but my mother never gave up on me. So, I think they're our responsibility as adults.

KW: Why did you want to bring *The Great Debaters* to the big screen?

DW: It's history, that's why I wanted to capture it. I said, "We can't miss this." There's a lot there, and we need to pass that on. These things need to be shared and celebrated.

KW: What's the picture's storyline?

DW: In 1935, there was a little school with 360 students, Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. They had four young debaters, three guys and one girl. They came together as a team, and beat everybody in America, basically. It's also the story of one of the kids [James Farmer, Jr.] who's played by a young actor by the name of Denzel Whitaker, if you can believe that. His character is learning about becoming a man. He sees this one professor, Melvin Tolson, who seems to be the cooler guy. And he sees his father who sometimes seems to cower or shrink in the face of racism. But he begins to understand, as he matures, what his father was doing to actually protect him. So, he's becoming a man, and learning about love. It's about a 14-year-old who falls for an 18 or 20-year-old girl. We've all been through that. The movie's also about another character that's brilliantly played by Nate Parker, Henry Lowe, this drinking and carousing kid who

matures in the process of the story. And at the moment when he's about to achieve the greatest victory in his life, he makes a sacrifice and gives the opportunity to this other young boy. And it's the story of one of the first female debaters, black or white, played brilliantly by Jurnee Smollett, who overcomes her fear of debating and is able to get up there and stand her ground as a debater, and as a young woman. And, of course, it's about a couple of guys that Forest [Whitaker] and I play who helped them to do those things.

KW: How would you describe your character?

DW: Mel Tolson, he's the coach. I make the speeches, kick 'em in their butt, push them out the door. They do what we taught them to do. And I sort of stand back on the side, and watch them achieve their goals. It's about passing on knowledge, responsibility and power. In 1935, African-Americans understood the importance of education as a way out.

KW: What do you think of today's black kids having a higher high school dropout rate than those of a generation ago?

DW: I'm a parent. I think we're responsible for the problems that young people have. I believe that. I don't blame them for any of it. I blame us for what we haven't done as mothers and fathers, not sticking together as a unit. I think we've done a terrible job, a shameful job. So, I try to take advantage of every opportunity I get to share what I know with young people.

KW: Why did you decide to cast Forest Whitaker as your co-star?

DW: Needless to say, Forest is one of the great actors of our time, and a wonderful human being, so I basically begged him to be in the movie. I'm just grateful that he was willing to play this part, to give the film an anchor. Once I knew I was going to be in the film, I needed someone with an equal strength and weight because, as I was saying, this young boy is torn between these two powerful men in his life. So, I appreciate the presence of an actor who had that weight. Forest could easily have played either part. The only reason I'm playing Professor Tolson is because they made me in order to get the money to do the film. [Laughs] But I also think it's good casting, and that I'm the right guy for the job.

KW: Sounds like you were a little hesitant about appearing in the film at all.

DW: In the movie, my character says, "You do what you have to do, so that you can do what you want to do." What I wanted to do was direct, so what I had to do was act in order to do that. Life does not work the other way around. As I tell my kids, "You pay now, or you pay later, but you gotta pay."

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Pastor Beaty expressed her appreciation for the members of Bethel with fellowship enjoyed by all in attendance.



Parson Smith

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would alienate his supporters who believe we live in post-civil rights America. However, some African Americans are uncomfortable that Obama's prospects for success are enhanced by a state of racial denial.

Again, black Americans need to come to grip with the fact, the word "freedom" still is not an exact science in 2008 when it relates to their total being. Black males should steer away from becoming involved in America's criminal justice system.

