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Community Meeting

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

- 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 Kwanzaa 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, Patterson 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 Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Matthattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar/Matthattan 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 Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

Julian Bond to be honored for his work on AIDS/HIV

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond will be presented with the inaugural Coretta Scott King Red Ribbon Leadership Award on World AIDS Day, December 1. In the spirit of Mrs. King's legacy, this award exemplifies exceptional courage, leadership, and activism to end the silence and stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS in the United States.

The Red Ribbon Leadership Awards, sponsored by the National HIV/AIDS Partnership (NHAP), salute the outstanding efforts by leaders who work to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in the United States. The awards ceremony, hosted by ABC News Anchor Terry Moran, will be held at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American

Indian in Washington, D.C.

In addition to Bond, NHAP will also honor 15 individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, testing, and care will be honored.

NHAP is comprised of influential leaders dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS. The goal of NHAP is to engage leaders from business, civic and faith-based organization, healthcare, and the media/entertainment industry in activities to increase HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, testing, and care. At the heart of this collaboration is the belief that all sectors must become involved to help stop



NAACP CEO and President Bruce S. Gordon and Board Chairman Julian Bond swab their mouths to take AIDS test. The woman at the center is unidentified. Photo Credit NAACP

the spread of HIV/AIDS in the United States.

About NHAP: The National HIV/AIDS Partnership (NHAP), is composed of some of America's most influential leaders, thinkers and doers dedicated to stopping the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States. NHAP provides a framework for leaders from business, faith, civic/social organizations, media/entertainment, philanthropy and labor - to combine their efforts, link their resources and networks, and create substantial opportunities to raise HIV/AIDS awareness nationwide. NHAP's messages are simple and clear: Break the silence. Get tested. Be safe. Get care. AIDS - It's not over.

Black leaders seek end to use of slur

Black leaders on Monday challenged the entertainment industry, including rappers, to stop use of the racial slur that Michael Richards uttered in his tirade.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and others said they will meet with TV networks, film companies and musicians to discuss the "n-word."

"We want to give our ancestors a present," Jackson said at a news conference. "Dignity over

degradation."

Jackson also asked the public not to buy a DVD box set of the seventh season of the TV show "Seinfeld" that was released last week.

Richards, who played the wacky neighbor Kramer on "Seinfeld," triggered outrage with a Nov. 17 racial rant against two

black men when he was heckled during a stand-up comedy routine at the Laugh Factory nightclub in West Hollywood. A patron recorded the outburst with a video camera phone.

Richards has made several apologies, including one Sunday on Jackson's syndicated radio program, in which he

has said he is not a racist and was motivated by anger.

At the press conference, comedian Paul Mooney said he has used the "n-word" numerous times during stand-up performances but will no longer do so after watching Richards' rant.

"He's my Dr. Phil," the black comedian said. "He's cured me." Asked about free-speech issues, Jackson said the word is "unprotected."

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters

(news, bio, voting record), D-Calif., charged that only situations such as the Richards incident turn mainstream media attention to issues involving the black community.

"This is not simply about whether or not the black community forgives or forgets, this is about understanding that this is pervasive, that this happens in all of our institutions, one way or the other," Waters said.

Happy Birthday Lula Beatrice Morrison



The Morrison brothers and sisters: from left to right: Lula Beatrice Morrison, Lonzy Morrison, Mattie Brown, Jay "J. R." Morrison, Barbara "Bobbie" Cooper, and Billy "B. J." Morrison.

It was a very joyous time in Denver, Colorado on October 16, 2006 when the Morrison family got together. It was Lula Beatrice Morrison's birthday. The Lord blessed the celebration when six Morrison brothers and sisters were in

attendance.

Those in attendance were: Lonzy and wife, Ida, of Amarillo; Jay and wife, Delois, of Dallas; Billy "B. J." and wife, Jefferthel, of Lubbock; and Mattie and Barbara who reside in Denver.

Another sister, Dessie May Anderson, was unable to be in attendance.

Beatrice said, "I thank God for allowing us to come together one more time. There was no sickness or funeral. It was just happiness!"

KTXT hosts one-day pledge drive

A tribute to the late Jesse "Guitar" Taylor will have its world premiere Dec. 9 on KTXT-TV Channel 5, the South Plains Public Broadcasting station during a "StoryTellers and MusicMakers" marathon from 7-11 p.m. The Jesse Taylor program will air about 7:50 p.m.

The marathon will be the centerpiece of a one-day pledge drive beginning at 5 p.m.

Taylor played with the Joe Ely Band in the 1970s and 80s, and was renowned for his energetic and passionate performances. He died March 7, 2006. His family recently donated his archives to the

Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University.

Kenny Maines, host of the "StoryTellers and MusicMakers" series, is scheduled to appear, along with performers Megan Laurie, Dan Crump and Cary Banks to assist the station in its fundraising efforts.

The 13-part series debuted in September 2006 and features interviews with and performances by Andy Wilkinson, Misty, D.G. Flewellyn, John Sprott and others. It is the only local production airing in the Lubbock area that focuses on music and its impact on the South Plains and the rest of the world.

"StoryTellers and MusicMakers" is a joint production between KTXT-TV and the Creative Arts Department of South Plains College in Levelland.

Artwork by Lubbock city employees on display Friday

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host a reception for the 17th annual National Arts Program during the First Friday Art Trail on December 1 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Lubbock employees, retirees and their families will exhibit paintings, drawings, sculptures, crafts and photography in this annual art competition.

The purpose of the National Arts Program is to showcase undiscovered art indigenous to the United States and to help foster creativity. Events are held across the nation and feature the art works of city employees and their families in more than 400 large and small cities, counties and organizations. Co-sponsored by the City of Lubbock's Municipal Garden and Arts Center, Lubbock's National Art Program provides professional and non-professional artists with the

opportunity to exhibit their works publicly. Cash awards and continuing art education scholarships are awarded to participants for their original contributions in the field of fine arts.

In addition to the National Arts Program in the Cultural Hall, the Garden and Arts Center will feature Chelsie Murfee as the featured artist of the month. Ms. Murfee is a past "Best of Show" winner of the National Arts Program. "It was very encouraging to have a professional judge select and affirm my work," said Murfee. As our featured artist, Ms. Murfee will exhibit works of unique materials such as glass painting and acid staining.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center is located at 4215 University Avenue. For more information, please call (806) 767-3724.

Thankful Spiritual Journey Celebration held

A special program, sponsored by the Christian Board of Education of the Carter Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, was called "A Thankful Spiritual Journey Celebration." The program was coordinated by Sister Dorothy McKeever, president. Rev. Leon Moore is pastor.

The program involved two groups of members who traveled throughout the community with the "Blessed Contributions Baskets." Beginning at 12:15 p.m. with meditation at the church, the groups sang "Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee." Brother David Washington gave a meditation. The scripture was read by Sister Tiffany Reed,

Sister Betty Tinnell gave a meditation. After getting ready at 12:45 p.m., both groups were read for their journey at 1:00 p.m.

The groups toured the following locations in East Lubbock: Stone Hollow Village, Park Meadows Villas, The Parkway Village, and Mission Plaza.

"We wanted to just reach out to our young people in the community and let them know that God loves each of the," said Sister McKeever. "First and foremost, I am a deceiver. I just wanted to share my vision given by the Holy Spirit. This vision was revealed in a dream. In my dream, God gave me his task of

being an instrument for promoting the project, a thankful spiritual celebration. I was awakened by uttering thank You, Jesus! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" she said.

"I BELIEVE God's children can benefit from knowing the locations and visual appearances of various churches in our community. We must do our very BEST to claim and reclaim souls for Jesus Christ in a world with many changes and challenges," she continued.

Sister McKeever wants to thank all who helped make her vision become a reality. "Words, deeds and actions really make a difference," she concluded.

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If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the staff of this paper are only human. We publish things for all sorts of events, but unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.

In Remembrance

Don L. Blue, Jr.

Funeral services for twelve-year-old Don L. Blue, Jr. were held Monday afternoon, November 27, 2006, at the Good Shepherd Family Worship. Burial was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Don passed away Sunday, November 19, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was a sixth grader at Atkins Junior High School, and had been a member of several churches in the Lubbock area.

He is survived by his parents, Ricky and Diedra Evans; four sisters, four brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and friends.

Deondra L. "Dee Dee" Burleson

Funeral services for Deondra L. "Dee Dee" Burleson will be held today, Thursday afternoon, November 30, 2006, at the New Light Baptist

Church with Rev. James Cavanaugh, pastor, officiating. Burial will be held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Friday, November 24, 2006, at the University Medical Center. She was a 1986 graduate of Lubbock High School, and was employed for four years at McDonald's in Lubbock.

She is survived by her mother, Diane Burleson; her father, Freddie Joe Anderson; two daughters, Tytina Burleson and MahiKayia Burleson; other relatives and friends.

Emmer L. Hays

Funeral services for Emmer L. Hays were held Tuesday morning, November 28, 2006, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Sunday, November 19, 2006, at the University Medical Center.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robertson
BLING BLING AND EVERYTHING

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Have you completed your shopping? Giving the gift of bling bling will certainly put you in the fashion know. May I share a few suggestions... silver and gold studded handbags, rhinestone handbags, beautiful embellished baseball caps and hats, all colors all styles and sizes, wide leather and patent leather decorative belts.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

A very special Christmas Musical, "Emmanuel - God With Us," will be sponsored by the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir on Sunday evening, December 17, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p. m. The guest musician and worship leader will be Ms. DeShelia Walker of Clovis, New Mexico. All choir members and praise dancers are asked to join in effort by attending rehearsals on the following dates: Saturday, December 2nd; Saturday, December 9th, Friday, December 15; and Saturday, December 16th. Rehearsals will begin at 7:00 p. m. Rev. W. D. Davis is pastor.

This time next week something again will happen in our city when the Women Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor its Annual "Women in Red Banquet." This year this event will take place at the KoKo Palace on Friday evening, December 8, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p. m. For more information, contact Sister Marjorie Thomas, Sister Lottie Barrow, Sister M. Beaty, or Sister Elnora Dyer. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president of the Women Missionary Society. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens in our community. As we have always mentioned, there are others whom we do not know who are ill. Just keep praying for them as well. Among those who are shut-in this week include Sister Dorothy Nash and Brother Rudolph Belvin.

Brother Gee Matthews is still doing nicely as a resident at the Heritage Oaks Nursing Center. Also, Sister Annie McBride is a patient Covenant Lakeside Hospital, Room 218.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among the families who lost loved ones are the family of 12 year old Don L. Blue whose services were held Monday, November 27, 2006, at Good Shepherd Worship Center. The family of Emmer L. Hays

was present at his funeral Tuesday morning, November 18, 2006, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Our prayers go out to these families and others who are experiencing the same.

The 27th Women's Annual will be held Sunday afternoon, December 10, 2006, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue. This year's theme is "Women of Excellence," Proverbs 31. Conductor will be 1st Mother Myra Haynes. Co-Conductors are Mother Gertrude Holmes and Mother Wilma James. Sister Shirley Davis, 1st Lady of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, is the Facilitator of Fashions.

Guest speaker will be Evangelist Ruby Holland of Jackson, Mississippi. She will be speaking Friday evening, December 8th, beginning at 7:00 p. m. and Sunday afternoon, December 10th, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

A Continental Breakfast will be held Saturday morning, December 9th, beginning at 8:30 a. m. At 9:45 a. m., vendors with a Showcase of Fashions, Hats and Jewelry will be present. Supt. W. David Haynes is pastor.

The Federation of Choirs will meet on Sunday afternoon, December 17, 2006, at the Rising Star Baptist Church where Rev. H. Culver is pastor. Services will begin at 2:30 p. m. The Federation of Choirs meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, but because of the Christmas Holidays, it will meet on the third Sunday. Sister Bennie Sims is president.

If you are having an announcement or family members visiting you over the Christmas Holidays, let us know about it so we can publish it in this column. For questions, call 762-3612.

Rawlings hosts Holiday Crafts Bazaar

Holiday shoppers can avoid the crowds and look for unique gifts on Saturday, December 2, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as the Copper Rawlings Community Center hosts their 5th annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar. Participants from surrounding neighborhoods and the community will offer gifts and Christmas crafts for sale that include: wood crafts, ornaments, jewelry, candles, wall

hangings, baked goods, and center pieces. Shoppers can also enjoy refreshments from the Center's kitchen including hot dogs, chili dogs, Frito pie, pickles, and popcorn, as well as hot cocoa and soft drinks, all at very affordable prices. In addition, there will be opportunities to win door prizes.

Booth space is still available for area vendors and artisans that would like to rent a

booth. Pricing is \$15 for a 6'x6' booth and one six foot table is provided for each booth.

The Copper-Rawlings Community Center is located at 213 40th Street (Avenue B and 40th Street). Be sure to visit with City staff about ongoing activities for seniors, adults and youth, Kid's Café and facility rental opportunities.

New Orleans Police want Guard to extend deployment

by Matthew Borghese
New Orleans, LA (AHN) - Police officials in New Orleans say public order remains so poor that the Louisiana National Guard should extend its deployment.

Guard Lt. Col. Peter Schneider confirms that New Orleans Police Superintendent Warren J. Riley has asked Louisiana Governor Katherine Blanco to extend the tour through June 2007.

Guardmen have been patrolling areas hard hit by Hurricane Katrina, and under

their current orders, they will stand down in December. The Guard was called up in June after five teenagers were killed in one weekend.

Local leaders say the situation is just as bad as it was this summer, citing the deaths of six people over this past Thanksgiving weekend.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Christian Mocking God

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

1 Timothy 4:1-2 - Now the spirit speaks expressly that in the last times some shall depart from the faith having given heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

In America, you have rights. You can mock and poke fun at anyone you would like to do so. You and I know this is a true fact, and by the law there is nothing they can do!!!

Jeremiah 15:17 - I set not in the assembly of mockers, nor rejoiced. I sat along because of your hand (God's) for you have filled me with indignation.

***** If God's Word Be True, Santa and Reindeers Is A Lie!!! *****

The Devil has made it OK to mock anyone and any thing that's under the sun. Then he got so bold that he decided to mock the Birth of God's only begotten Son!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sow that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

***** Jesus Is The Gospel Truth!!! *****

The Preachers allowed the Devil to bring in trees, Santas and Reindeers that fly. This makes the Bible and the Birth of Jesus a fairy

tale and seems to be a lie!!!

Jeremiah 2:8 - The Lord said, The Priests asked where is the Lord? And they who handle the law know me not. The Pastor also transgressed against me, and the Prophets prophesied by Ba'Al, and walked after things that do not profit.

***** Yes, The Preachers Are Robbing God!!! *****

Now America is mocking the Birth of Jesus. This is done by everyone putting up a Xmas Tree, and the un-godly start playing religious. Now t hat's mocking God. It's the only thing it can be!!!

Jeremiah 10:2b-4 - Thus said the Lord, learn not the ways of the heathens, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven. For the custom of the people are vain. For one cut a tree out of the forest. The work of the hands of the workman with the axe, they deck it with silver and gold. They fasten it with nails and with hammers so it will move not.

***** The Un-Godly Is Religious For One Day!!! *****

(The un-godly's house will have Xmas Trees, presents, big dinners, and lights. And so will Christians. Which house will be worshipping the only true God???)

***** What About Your House???**

America is playing with the Birth of Jesus. Mocking the only true God. It's not a game! She will have more hate, suicides, killings, rob-

beries, and DWI's Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

Jeremiah 44:3b - The Lord said because of their wickedness which they committed to provoke me to anger in that they went and burned incense and to serve other gods.

***** Who Are You Serving???**

America has mocked God's Preachers with many kinds of their comedy, and that is very disrespectful. But Americans have rights. It is called 'Freedom of Speech!!!'

1 Kings 2:23 - And He (Elisha, God's Preacher) went up from there unto Beth-el. And as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city and mocked him, and said unto him, go up, you bald head; you bald head, and he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the woods, and tore (rip up) forty and two children.

***** America's Children Are Cursed!!! *****

We in America have been mocking mankind for a very long, long time, but when he starts mocking the only true God, believe it! We have lost our minds!!!

Psalms 53:1 - The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. Corrupt they are and have done abominable iniquity. There is none that do good!!!

***** WILL YOU MOCK GOD THIS YEAR???**

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

What Can We Expect When We Pray?

Matthew 7:7-8; John 15:5-14; 11 Chronicles 7:14

One of the greatest tragedies of the Christian Faith is the attempt on the part of so many to make the declaration and commands of Jesus' trite. Everything our Lord says demands serious scrutiny and prayerful consideration. Let us talk at two well known declarations of our Lord. The first is recorded in Matthew 7:7-8, and read thusly: "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. For everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

The second is recorded in St. John 14:14 and this is how it reads: "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." At face value, one would think that one can ask the Master for anything and automatically it shall be ours to understand the two mentioned scripture in this light represents over simplification. I cannot ask Christ for anything I chose and expect him to grant it. For example, let us that an individual finds a spouse of another attractive and asks the Lord for that person. Does the

scripture teach that such a request be granted? We know this not to be the case. Before any request is made of the Lord we must ask one very important and fundamental question: **Is my request in the will of God?** We can never fully comprehend the will of God without knowing the word of God.

St. John 15:14 - "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatever I command you." In knowing his expectations of us, we should never be so spiritually infantile or elementary as to make any request that does not reflect the will or mind set of Jesus. Jesus is not some cosmic bell hop Ecclesiastical Santa Claus. Using terminology made famous by others who simply grants our every wish, he is not a fairy godfather who does whatever we command. There are occasions when we pray for physical healing and it is not granted. There are times we pray for an employment opportunity and it does not come. As legitimate as these requests might be, they may not necessarily reflect the will of God for that particular time. We must, therefore, not only be prayerful in the making of our request, but we must be spiritually patient and mature to accept the divine reply even when the reply is not that

for which we have prayed.

"What Can We Expect When We Pray?" This is a very thoughtful question. Let us consider a portion of God's response to Solomon's prayer request on the occasion of the dedication of the temple. The first expectation in prayer is that God will listen. I'm confident that God will grant every believer a hearing. One is careful to notice that 11 Chronicles 6. Anyone who has a relationship with God and is earnest about it can expect God to listen and hear that prayer request. 11 Chronicles 7:14. We live in a world where it's difficult getting people to listen to our concerns and issues. The Lord says he will hear our prayers and heal our land. We just praise the Lord for the written word.

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday, December 2, in the home of Sister Elnora Jones, 2416 East 30th St, at 9:00 a.m. We're looking forward to seeing you there. Come expecting a blessing. Start the New Year with us!

Hope your Thanksgiving was a blessed one!!!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosanna Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 26, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2420 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. He advises if you are looking for a church home, come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. She taught the morning lesson and Rev. Monty Smith reviewed the lesson. The subject of the lesson was "Experiencing Forgiveness". The morning scriptures were 11 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:5-7. The key verse was: "The LORD, the God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem... Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him! Let him go up." 11 Chronicles 36:23. It was an outstanding lesson.

The morning devotions were conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. His spirit was very bright! All present just praised the Lord for His goodness! The senior

Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church added to the morning services with their singing of God's praises!

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Monty Smith. His subject was "Something About Midnight!" His scripture text was Psalm 42:6-8. Have you ever had something to happen to you about midnight?

Our pastor and wife, Rev. and Sister Edward Canady were out-of-town last Sunday morning. We wish them God's speed as they traveled the dangerous highways. Praise God for our Pastor and Wife!

Thought For The Week: "Worshipping with other believers strengthens our connection with God."

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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Biblical families at odds in modern America

We live in a violent world. President Bush is off to Jordan and scheduled to meet with Iraq's prime minister. Vice President Dick Cheney has been to Saudi Arabia and visit with King Abdullah discussing the worsen conditions in two countries of key American interest-Iraq and Lebanon.

The rapid rise of sectarian violence between the Shiite majority and Sunni minority has left thousands of people dead. The wellheads that ignite the flame of hate purportedly originate from Iran and Syria.

We are very concerned and are saddened over so many lives been lost because of a religious and ethnic divide. However, we are troubled as to the continued racial divide in America. There is a seething of hate fueling itself because of oppression and subjection of earthly family members by their human brothers.

Let me be Biblical as per family rather than man-made racial divide. The three families of man Biblically are Japheth, Shem and Ham. The families of Japheth are Caucasians including the people from India and the Iranians and other Indo-Europeans. The families of Shem are Jews and Arabs. The families of Ham are Blacks and other people of color.

With in the last few weeks, two of the Biblical family members Japheth (Joe Mroszczyk) and Shem (Michael Richard) have openly vented a dislike for the family of Ham (African Americans in particular).

In this writer's opinion, the dangerous of the two family members that have distastes for the family members of Ham is Joe Mroszczyk. The young Caucasian male who still appears to be a suckling of human milk want to turn the clock back on the civil rights that black Americans have fought, bled and died for. This sibling of evil intent under the guise of protesting "race-base" scholar-ships

would accelerate the racial divide.

Joe's "white only" scholar-ships would require applicants be full-time Boston University undergraduate students and one-fourth Caucasian and maintain at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA. Applicants must submit two essays, one describing the applicant's necessary and one describing "what it means to you to be a Caucasian-American today."

Joe is the Boston University College Republican branch of the Massachusetts Alliance of College Republican, president. He is a Conservative Republican liken to Tom Delay and the good Reverend Jerry Farwell-not a moderate like Senator K. Bailey Hutchinson. Joe and his kind will have their day in the Court of Hell.

I feel sorry for Michael Richards. We could be mean and say we see in him the same cowardly act of his family of Shem by giving up Jesus (because they liken the guts) to the family of Japheth (Romans) to be killed. I also see the family of Ham in

Simon of Cyrene forced to pick up the rear of Jesus' cross as he was struggling to carry it to Calvary. The scene of Simon of Cyrene touched the hymnologist heart in such a way he wrote: "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free." Thinking about it, he answered himself: "No there's a cross for everyone and there is a cross for me." Meaning when he is bearing the cross of life, Jesus, like Simon of Cyrene is helping him bear it.

Biblically, as a member of the family of Ham I believe because of Jesus that there is neither big "T" family members nor no small "t" family members. All of us are humans in God's world. We brought nothing into this world and whatever we accomplish we will not take it with us. From dust, we are and to dust we will return.

Joe and Richard need to understand presently because of African Americans love for Jesus, sectarian violence has not burst forth. However, one must not push their luck! Jessie Jackson nor Al Sharpton may not be able to save them.

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Notice is given that a public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, City of Lubbock, on the 19th day of December, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. The City Council of the City of Lubbock will, at that time, consider amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XVIII, entitled "Electric Utility Board" as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVIII OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, OUTLINING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF REVENUES OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY; FURTHER DEFINING CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Chapter 1, Article XII, Section 1 of the Lubbock City Charter establishes and outlines certain responsibilities and duties of the Electric Utility Board;

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Article XII, Section 1 of the Lubbock City Charter required the City Council of the City of Lubbock to pass an ordinance further detailing and outlining the duties of the Electric Utility Board;

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2004, the City Council of the City of Lubbock passed Ordinance Number 2004-00140, amending Sections 2-479 through 2-485 of Chapter 2, Article XVIII of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas detailing the duties and responsibilities of the Electric Utility Board and detailing the procedure for disbursing net revenues of the City's municipally owned electric utility;

WHEREAS, the Electric Utility Board has requested that the City Council amend certain portions as of the above described ordinance as outlined herein;

WHEREAS, Section 2-485 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas outlines the procedures for amending said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures outlined in Section 2-485 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, the City Council of the City of Lubbock deems that it would be in the best interest of the City of Lubbock and its municipally owned electric utility, Lubbock Power & Light, to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of Lubbock Power & Light by amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock in the following manner; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK

SECTION 1: THAT Section 2-480 (a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-480. Members, Qualifications.

a) The number of Board members and their terms are governed by Chapter 1, Article XII, Section 1 of the Lubbock City Charter and shall be considered officers of the City of Lubbock. No Board member shall serve more than three terms. However, for each Board member appointed whose original term was for one year or less, such original term shall not apply towards the three term term-limitation outlined herein. The City Council shall consider extensive business and/or financial experience as a qualification for serving on the Board as well as whether or not the individual is a customer of the City's electric utility provided that service with the City's electric utility is available. The Mayor or the Mayor's appointee shall serve as an *ex officio*, non-voting member of the Board.

SECTION 2: THAT Section 2-482 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended by adding subsection (e) to read as follows:

e). To the extent authorized by law and subject to the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board shall be responsible for nominating individuals to the City Council for their consideration in appointing individuals to the Board and for appointing individuals to the West Texas Municipal Power Agency. **SECTION 3: THAT Section 2-484 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:**

Sec. 2-484. Disbursement of Net Revenues

Subject to Section 2-484(g), prior to paying any fee equivalent to a franchise fee, making any payment in lieu of taxes, and prior to disbursing any net operating revenues of the City's electric utility, the Board shall first fully meet all current bond reserve and fund obligations contained in any bond issuance and/or covenant for the City's electric utility

Subject to Section 2-484(g), after providing for sufficient funds to meet the obligations contained in Section 2-484(a) above but prior to reimbursing any other fund of the City, paying any fee equivalent to a franchise fee, making any payment in lieu of taxes, and prior to disbursing any net operating revenues of the City's electric utility, the Board shall first fully fund the following items:

The Board shall maintain sufficient operating cash to satisfy all current accounts payable;

i) A General Reserve equal to the greater of four months gross retail electric revenue as determined by taking the average monthly gross retail electric revenue from the previous fiscal year or fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00). This reserve fund shall be used for operational purposes, rate stabilization and for meeting the electric utility demand of any rapid or unforeseen increase in residential and/or commercial development.

c) Following proper funding of the above described funds, the Board shall pay to the City a fee equivalent to a franchise fee and payment in lieu of taxes as required by the City. This fee shall be equal to the lesser of the following:

i) Five percent (5%) of the gross revenue generated from all retail electric sales; or

ii) Fifty percent (50%) of net income from the most recent audited, unqualified annual financial statements,

d) Subject to the approval of the Board, any net operating revenues remaining shall be refunded to the ratepayers of the City's electric utility within six months following the fiscal year in which the net revenues are realized. Nothing contained in Section 2-484(g) shall be construed as a cap or limit on the refund outlined in this Section 2-484(d).

e) This section shall be included in and become a part of each annual budget ordinance of the City of Lubbock.

f) Reserve amounts, franchise fees, payments in lieu of taxes and refunds to the ratepayers of the City's electric utility shall be based on audited, unqualified financial statements from the most recent completed fiscal year.

g) Beginning with fiscal year 2006 - 2007 and subject to the approval of the Board, the City's electric utility may refund up to one million dollars and no/100 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the ratepayers of the City's electric utility for marketing and competitive purposes as solely determined by the Board.

SECTION 4: THAT Section 2-485 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-485. Amendments.

To the extent authorized by law and subject to the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board shall be responsible for recommending any amendments to Chapter 2, Article XVIII of the Code of Ordinances of Lubbock, Texas.

The City Council shall not amend, alter, delete or change any provision contained in this ordinance without first conducting a public hearing following proper notice as described below.

Prior to conducting a public hearing as described above, the City Council shall provide notice of such hearing. The notice must state clearly the time and place of the hearing and must clearly state the proposed amendment, alteration or change. The notice must be published at least thirty days before the date for public hearing and at least once a week for three consecutive weeks. The last day of publication must not be less than one week or more than two weeks before the date of the hearing. The notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation and that is published at least six days a week in the city of Lubbock.

SECTION 5: THAT the City Council finds and declares that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the Council was posted at a designated place convenient to the public at the City Hall for the time required by law preceding this meeting, that such place of posting was readily accessible at all times to the general public, and that all of the foregoing was done as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents of posting thereof.

SECTION 6: THAT should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7: THAT the City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this Ordinance as an alternative method of publication provided by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

Passed by the City Council on the first reading on this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Passed by the City Council on the second reading on this ____ day of _____, 2006.

David A. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

W.R. Collier, Chairman
Electric Utility Board

Gary Zheng, Director of Electric Utilities

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Matthew L. Wade, Natural Resources Attorney

Controversial website one of the top in the world

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) - With an average of one million hits per day, controversial website Hot Ghetto Mess (hotghettomess.com) has become the true darling of the internet and one of the top African-American owned web sites in the world. Ranking as high as one of the top 10,000 sites in the world by Ranking.com, Hotghettomess.com bills itself as a call-to-arms to challenge the African-American community to examine how it is living and looking. With over 360 million hits since it was launched in 2004, it is quickly becoming one of the top 100% African-American owned sites in the world.

The site, created by recent Georgetown University Law Center graduate and Washingtonian, Jam Donaldson, features images of the African-American community at its worst. She considers the site constructive criticism, "this site wags a shameful finger at those who bring us all down with their foolishness." Jam Donaldson, after receiving dozens of emails featuring photos of X-rated high school proms, street fights, and children dressed as pimps, decided there had to be a way to turn these images into a force for change because unfortunately, they represent us all when they go out into the streets like this, act like this, go to work like this, promote lyrics like this.

She challenges the likes of Michael Eric Dyson who would call such an endeavor an exercise in Afristocracy. "This is not an elitist or classist endeavor, money has nothing to do with it," Donaldson says. "A lot of folks in these pictures are doing just fine. Check out the Celebrity Mess section to see that money doesn't equal class. Alternatively, look at old photos of African-Americans in the 1920s and 30's when we didn't have a pot to piss in, but damn we looked good, we had class and style and pride in our image and our communities." Additionally she questions, "even if you are poor, are we to accept that, because you're poor, you should have no responsibility for your behavior? That's insulting."

No one is immune from the judgment of Hotghettomess.com. The site calls out everyone from Boo-Boo to Beyonce. Along with photos and videos of the general public at their worst, the site features celebrities, song lyrics, white folks, and a category appropriately named Just Sad which displays shocking and heartbreaking images of a community in crisis.

The site also highlights positive imagery and does monthly features on positive accomplishments from various members of the Black community on a page entitled "Not Ghetto Mess." This page has featured such noteworthy individuals as Barack Obama, Wangari Maathai, Keith Beauchamp and Alicia Keys. There is also an HGM Recommends page which highlights books, films and other visual arts that represent the best in the black community.

There is a new trend in the African-American community focusing on personal and financial responsibility and Hot Ghetto Mess

is leading the parade. "From school to music to clothing to behavior, where have our standards gone? Are we now to accept any and everything? And if our own can't come out and point out what's wrong, how can we ever get better?" says Donaldson. She acknowledges that the website "may not be the answer but it at least starts the conversation that we all need to have with ourselves and each other."

She gets plenty of support from

all over the world - from London to Germany to Iraq and from New York to Alabama to California. She also receives plenty of feedback from those who feel the site is exploitive and denigrating to Blacks. To her opponents she responds, "to all of you who are angry at me for airing our dirty laundry - good, I'm glad you're angry, now maybe collectively, we'll be forced to finally go wash it."

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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

NEARLY THIRTY YEARS, AND STILL STANDING! THIS N THAT was just sitting back the other day and thinking about how far this newspaper, or should we say "you, newspaper". **THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST** has come and is still standing. There is no doubt about it! **TIMES** have been real tough, but through it all, come next year as a matter of fact, we will reach a huge milestone. **ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2007, WE WILL REACH OUR 30TH YEAR IN BUSINESS!** It just goes to you that with your faith in **GOD** and plenty of hard work, anything is possible. So as we look back over the year and enter into the upcoming **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**, it is just good to be in a business and developing a publication we really enjoy doing. Oh yes! Nearly 30 years now, and we're SO grateful for everything we've done over the years, and can hardly wait until our **30TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**. Just keep in mind that all of you will be invited, and hopefully you'll be in attendance! You see, without you, **OUR PRECIOUS READERS**, this publication would not be celebrating this 30th birthday. Just stay tuned and keep on supporting this weekly newspaper. Also, this newspaper is most appreciative of the businesses who have supported us, so a special **"THANK YOU"** to all of them. As we have said,

NEARLY THIRTY YEARS, AND STILL STANDING! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "When the ROAD gets steep, **JUST STAND UP!**" **BLACK FOLK, WE'VE GOT TO COME TOGETHER!** **THIS N THAT** is hoping all of us as **BLACK FOLK** would come together in our community. **THIS N THAT** hopes you will **SUPPORT** all programs in our community which affect all of us and especially support all programs which will help our young people. There is so much evil in the world today, and we need to do all we can to combat it. **BLACK FOLK**, will you decide to do these kinds of things? Remember, when one **BLACK BROTHER OR SISTER** is down, we are all down, so it really makes good sense to start moving a positive direction to help our community. We can do this by **SUPPORTING EACH OTHER** from our house to the church house. Just think how much could be accomplished, **BLACK FOLK**, if we just come together. Will you think along these lines so that we can move forward down the road? Just thinking off the top of one's head, the idea of a **BLACK SUMMIT** comes to mind. What do you think?

SPEAKING OF SUPPORTING BLACK PROGRAMS! THIS N THAT is asking all of

you who want to support the Black Community, to **SUPPORT** the upcoming **LUBBOCK BEST DRESSED BLACK MEN & WOMEN** event which is scheduled for January, 2007. According to **EDDIE P. RICHARDSON**, event coordinator and co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, the deadline for submitting the name of **BLACK MEN AND WOMEN** is December 20, 2006. At this report, there are many who submitted their names for the event. This should be a very entertaining event, and hopefully, with your support, it will be a most rewarding event. If you have some questions, then give Eddie Richardson a call at 762-3612. Let us **SUPPORT** one of our own!

NEED TO VISIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL! THIS N THAT is hoping there are those of you who will visit one of our Lubbock Public Schools before the Christmas Holiday Vacation. Your visit will mean so much to our young people! Just make plans and go by and let them see you in their hallways. If you have time, why not stop by the Principal's Office and see what you could do to make preparation for having lunch on campus. Just think of the outcome in the minds of our young people because you took your valuable time and visited their campus. Will you do it this week? Hope so!



Think About It!

Good Time to Keep the Spirit Going!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Thanksgiving has just past and Christmas is almost here. Thanksgiving put us in the spirit of love, family and friends. Just being with family puts us in the posture of giving and reflecting on the past year and all its blessings.

Thanksgiving comes as a blessing behind Halloween which legend has it is a devil's holiday with witches, goblins and etc. One can remember back in the day when even Halloween was fun for the children who did naughty things like turning over garbage cans, egging, unrolling toilet paper and things of this sort. But now there are razor blades in candies as well as poison, children using weapons, AKA's and others. Now it appears to be an all out devil's day. But thank God, Thanksgiving comes behind it to

set the tone for Good Will, Joy and Peace. Then along comes Christmas, not Xmas, not a happy holiday, but Christmas. All of the special days, in the past, were based on people, especially children. Joy and not commercial promotions, commercials and has taken the joy out of special times which was once set aside for family and friends.

My, my how things have changed. The world is in an uproar. There is trouble everywhere. It is past time for a change everywhere. It is just time for a change everywhere because what we are doing is taking the world down the road to destruction fast. Really, we need to go back to the action of the good old days of love thy neighbor. We are our brother's keeper and we need to love, trust, and respect each other. WE need to even ask for forgive-

ness when we treat our fellow man wrong. If we go back to this what a joyous and happy time it will be for all of us.

It would be great if we took the creed and formed a committee of one and make this a part of our being: "If it is to be, it is up to me." We just need to get up off the chair bottom and get busy and the whole world would make a big change. With this committee of one, there would be more love and goodness. What a big difference it would make with the help of each of us and our trust in God. Just think of what a time it would be for the good of all of us together!

Closing Thought - "Let's go back to the Holy Bible - love thy neighbor as thy self. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!"

International Gift Market planned

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4600 48th Street and Salem, will host an International Gift Market on Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The sale will help skilled artisans in more than 30 countries receive a fair price for their products.

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efit the artisans who made the items. For more information, contact Covenant Presbyterian Church, 792-6124.



In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



It is that time again! Thanksgiving once again is ushering in the Christmas holiday season which is more commercial than religious. The decorations are up before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving is the official first shopping day of Christmas.

A few years ago, Walmart started a trend which seems to be catching on with many other stores by having the Christmas rush begin at 5:00 A.M. on the day after Thanksgiving for the early bird specials. It is not easy to get up and be ready to shop at 5:00 A.M. unless you did not go to bed the night before. Once there, at the store, at 5:00 A.M., it is surprising to see how many people are there in line and planning to be the first to go through the door for those great special sales.

The other thing that will shock

you somewhat is the number of your friends and acquaintances who will be there bargain hunting just like you. Once the inventory is sold of those specials, there is usually no rain check. You either got there early enough to get it or you are out of luck and must buy the next best thing, which will be close by.

Once the rush is over, the stores take their inventory and in most instances, they have sold the majority of what they had to sell in the first place for the holidays. Once Christmas has passed, it will be rare to find a good "after Christmas" sale anywhere because the profits were made on the day after Thanksgiving.

Because of the holiday rush sales, those of us who usually shop after Christmas for next year's gifts will have to find a different way to shop. We will need to try to spot sales all through the year to remedy the lack of items for purchase at a lower price after Christmas. That way, we may

remember what Christmas is all about. It is definitely not about what we buy for whomever. It is not about material things but about the love and kindness that we share with our family and friends. Therefore, it is time for us to get "in cinque" and put Christ back into Christmas and not let the commercial giants decide what we can and cannot say or do. Let us leave those "Happy Holidays" cards in the store and buy some that say "Merry Christmas!" If you must, make your own cards. They are easy to make on a computer with the right software.

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Robert F. Kennedy comes to life, and death in new film

Studio: MGM (1 hr 51 min)
 Plot: A re-telling of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel in 1968.
 Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Demi Moore, Sharon Stone, Lindsay Lohan, Elijah Wood, William H. Macy, Helen Hunt, Christian Slater, Laurence Fishburne, Freddy Rodriguez, Nick Cannon
 Rating: R

Estevez artfully tells the story of 22 fictional characters in the Ambassador Hotel on the fateful eve of Kennedy's assassination. Kennedy is seen only in newsreels and voiceovers, but his presence is stirring enough for today's generation to experience what baby boomers felt in 1968 — that one man could change the course of the

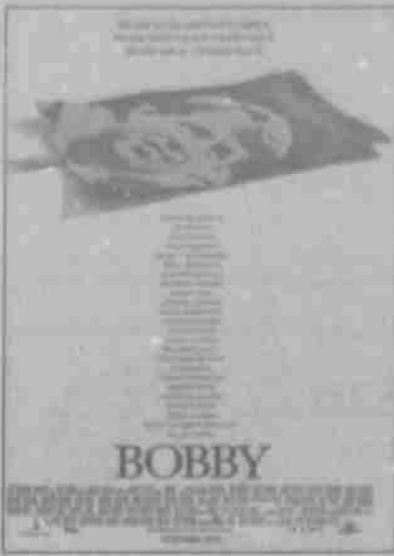
world.
 The ensemble includes a retired doorman (Anthony Hopkins), a fellow retiree (Harry Belafonte), the hotel's hairdresser, a sous chef (Fishburne), the coffee shop waitress and the hotel's manager (Macy) and others.
 Even though the audience knows the outcome, "Bobby" is

engrossing as the 22 lives converge to a palpable climax in the Ambassador Hotel's kitchen, where

Kennedy meets Sirhan Sirhan. The film ends with one of RFK's most stirring speeches pun-tuning what

might have been had Kennedy lived.

Bottom Line: ****



by Laurence Washington

In the tradition of a Robert Altman film where the story navigates through the lives of multiple characters until they all converge at the end, "Bobby" unfolds on the night of June 4, 1968 when Presidential hopeful Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot in the Ambassador Hotel.

Skillfully directed by Emilio Estevez, "Bobby" is a re-imagining one of the most tragic nights in American history when black Americans were politically orphaned. The film opens with the death of Martin Luther King and the announcement by embattled President Lyndon B. Johnson that he won't run for a second term.

Five years later, after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, his younger brother Robert F. Kennedy, 42, emerges as his own man. Kennedy, who had announced his candidacy for the presidency of the United States, is seen as the man of the people. Kennedy's idealism is contagious as he pledges to end the Vietnam War and help those Americans who don't have a voice in this country.

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 - Kangaroo, e.g.
 - Ship away
 - Custer's last one
 - Cook's leaf
 - Artwork of many pieces
 - May Day post
 - Emerged from Easter Rising
 - Chinese cinnamon tree
 - Drug abuser
 - Tennis player Sharapova
 - The Shallow Jack Black
 - Oriental
 - Frosted
 - Damien's mother
 - Suffix denoting female
 - Fastest mammal
 - Dry red Bordeaux
 - Second Testament
 - Type of cravat
 - Actuary's concern
 - Largest mammal
 - Not Doric nor Corinthian
 - Eras
 - Arizona in summer
 - About four weeks
 - Slight degrees of difference
 - Vegas lights
 - Zebra is to lion
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- Saltbush
- Hindu woman's dress
- "It does a body good"
- Twig of a willow tree
- Buying option
- German surrealist M:x
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- Permit
- Nutcracker's distinguishing feature
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- Mold a mind
- Within reach
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