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Emancipation Proclamation revisited Angelou: 'Continue the struggle for freedom'

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Internationally renowned author, poet, and professor, Dr. Maya Angelou started off the New Year by challenging members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association to remember how far African-Americans have come since slavery, and to continue the struggle for freedom.

Angelou spoke to a crowd of about 300 people Wednesday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church during the Association's annual program.

According to the Rev. Serenus Churn, pastor of Mt. Zion, Angelou emphasized several points in her speech.

"She indicated to us that our forbearers kept alive for

us. They endured those outrageous and horrible conditions for us, in order that we might rise and assume our rightful place in society," he said. "She also pointed out that though we have come a long way, we have a long, long way to go."

During her speech, Angelou also stated that in many ways, today's African-Americans are still bound by chains — mental, emotional and cultural chains — such as teen pregnancy, illiteracy, drugs and crime.

Everyone who attended the program were not only moved by Angelou's words, but also inspired.

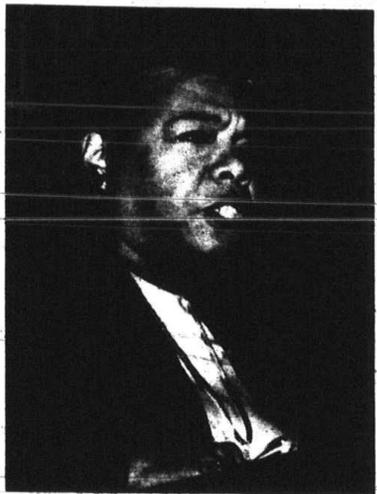
"She gave an excellent speech," said Harvey Kennedy, chairman of the Association's Membership Committee.

"She always gives outstanding speeches. She talked

about where we've been as a people, how far we've come as a people, and the problems facing us and where we have to go."

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Annual Program is an annual event with the purpose of celebrating the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the African slaves in 1865.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association are: the Rev. S.L. Hodges, president; Harold Kennedy III, vice president; Mildred Griffin, secretary; the Rev. Harry Smith, treasurer; Harvey Kennedy, chairman, Membership Committee; Robert Miller, auditor and chairman, Publicity Committee; and Ethel Walker, chairman, Scholarship Committee.



Dr. Maya Angelou

Local UNCF drive raises \$125,000

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN
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The nation's current economic recession certainly made an impact on the 12th annual Lou Rawls "Parade of Stars" telethon, which started the New Year off with pledges that totaled about \$1 million less than last year.

The telethon, which was hosted by Rawls, Saturday, Dec. 28 with co-hosts Nancy Wilson, Jackie, Ed McMahon, Marilyn McCoo and Clint Holmes, brought in about \$10 million in pledges and corporate donations, falling short of topping last year's \$11 million total.

However, despite the economy, Rawls still considers the telethon a success.

"With the economy being what it is, I think we're doing tremendous," he said following the event.

Local UNCF officials agreed that the economy played a major role in the decrease in pledges, but they are optimistic that the total amount of pledges will come close

to the overall projected goal, once the final calculations come in.

Assistant Area Development Director of UNCF, James Parks, said, "I think we were successful. You have to realize that there are some economic problems in the country. But despite that, and once everything is said and done, and all the counting is done, we'll be real close to where we wanted to be," he said.

As of press time, the estimated local pledge total for Winston-Salem and Greensboro was about \$125,000; which comes to \$65,000 less than what officials hoped to collect.

However, Dr. Charlie Kennedy, the local chairman of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" Telethon, said that the telethon did well considering the fact that times and money are tight, and he expects that the numbers will increase as the tabulations come in.

"We feel that it was a success, at this point," Kennedy said Mon-

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Beautiful and talented Tisha Bennett wished everyone a most happy and prosperous 1992. The daughter of Mrs. Shelby Oden, Tisha plans to enter Fayetteville State University in January and pursue a degree in business or computer science.

Photo by John B. Henderson

East Area Council sets '92 agenda Al Spain to lead effort

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Al Spain says this year it will be up to the East Area Council to lead Winston-Salem in developing and supporting minority businesses. "We've got to get our work done, follow up on our projects, and take the forefront when it comes to minority businesses."

This year, Spain moved from vice chairman to the new chairman of the East Area Council of the Chamber of Commerce. Cynthia Cheek, president of Sheridan Distributing, is the new vice chair of the EAC.

Spain is optimistic about the future of the two year-old organization.

"East Area Council was challenged or authorized by Common Vision to complete seven projects, and we will be working on them, along with our other projects."



Al Spain

Common Vision is the county's long-range development plan.

The two most visible projects of the EAC are the awards banquet, honoring minority businesses, and the Governor's Open, a tournament

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300 turn out for annual Kwanzaa celeb

Success of event may require larger facilities in future

More than 300 African-Americans gathered Tuesday evening at the East Winston Branch Library to celebrate Kwanzaa, an African-American observance begun in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga. It is celebrated each year from December 26 to January 1 by some 18 million people throughout the world.

In accordance with Kwanzaa tradition, the seven-day observance culminates in a community gathering where attendees participate in African-American culture through arts, music, dress and food. "Kwanzaa is a celebration of family, community and culture," noted Khalid Fatta Griggs, who gave a brief but informative history of Kwanzaa. "The celebration centers around the Nguzo Saba, the seven principles which are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith."

The local tradition was started by Barbara and Musa Kamara, and Duane and Rachel Jackson. Sixty people attended the first Kwanzaa celebration here in 1979. Others intimately involved in getting and keeping Kwanzaa going are the Rev. Carlton Eversley, Bill Lynch, Bill Jackson, and Tim Jackson, who is the branch manager at the East Winston Branch Library. "I

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A celebration of heritage!

Mrs. Dorothy Bigby and friends performed for a crowd of over 300 people during the Kwanzaa celebration Tuesday night.

ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

Uncommon predictions

About this time every year, Americans are bombarded with an array of professional pundits and psychics pedaling their personal propaganda about what's going to happen tomorrow.

Well, anybody who has followed these tomorrow experts knows that their track records aren't that impressive which is why Tang has decided that it's time for him to get into the act. Thus, we offer for your review Tang's predictions for 1992! (Notice that the last line rhymes!)

Concerning the upcoming presidential election, the most qualified person for president (a black woman) will again, choose not to run for the office. She will continue to demonstrate her good wisdom by serving as LBJ professor at the University of Texas where she lectures on issues of public policy.

George Bush will not win in 1992 unless the democrats can field a candidate to beat him. Pat Buchanan will not win either unless he can find a way to get Doug Wilder to run as his vice presidential mate. And speaking of Wilder, he will not win the democratic nomination if he marries that

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