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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, 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/Midhatten Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Midhatten 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 Twentieth 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 pm.
- 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.
- Chattam 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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Former Lubbock Resident 'Off the Bone'

Barbecue Restaurant Uses Family Recipes & Relationships To Make Business Successful

With over 26 years of marriage under their belt and Marilyn Brown is the perfect duo of "professionalism meeting perseverance."

These traits, unique to each of them, held their relationship work and are now being used to run a successful barbecue in Fort Worth. Located on Mansfield Highway, "Off the Bone BBQ" is a family business that requires teamwork, consistency and delicious home recipes.

Eddie takes care of the meats, especially creating "Texas Style" barbecue that has earned a reputation of falling off the bone.

"Our customers say you don't need no teeth to eat our meat!" Brown said.

He uses a dry rub instead of sauce or baste, and then pit smokes briskets, chicken and sausage. Brown said smoking the meat with un-split barkwood gives it more flavor. Chicken is later wrapped in a top secret way, giving it a special taste that others can't duplicate.

Marilyn takes care of the baking and desserts, offering traditional southern cakes, pies, and cobbler.

Both focus on making sure the food is consistent, that menu items look and taste the same as they did when you ordered them the first time.

"We want customers to have something they can count on when they come here," Marilyn explained.

"Off the Bone" occupies a former Dairy Queen near I-20, and the facility is immaculate. Gospel music plays in the background; this is not a surprise since Eddie Brown is also pastor of the Glen Park Missionary Baptist Church.

Prior to opening the restaurant, the Browns always cooked good meals at home. One day, Eddie asked his children if they would pay to eat his barbecue? When they responded "yes" he said that was his cue to start selling the food. The family has catered events and sold home-cooked meals at Texas Motor Speedway in the camping area.

Before barbecue became a business for the Browns, Eddie worked in the heating/air conditioning industry and Marilyn had a career in the medical field. He said he's not interested in simply attaining a level of success, he wants to maintain it and continue to move forward and expand.

"A lot of times people dream, but the never experience the dream," Brown said. "I want to do more than succeed because that means you've stopped, I want to be successful, which means you continue and do more."

If you would like to meet the Browns or taste some of their 'off the bone' barbecue, the restaurant is located at 5144 Mansfield Highway in Forest Hill. They can be reached at 817-563-7000. The business also offers catering and will smoke turkeys and hams.

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Rev. Eddie Brown

'Off the Bone' owners, Eddie and Marilyn Brown, center, are seen with staff member Willie Brown. This is a family business, and all enjoying what they are doing together.

Rev. Brown preached his first sermon at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

It's just so good to see God blessing our former residents.

This information comes from "Fort Worth Black News, November/December 2007. As a former resident of Lubbock, the Southwest Digest, is always interested in knowing of what former residents are doing through-



Marilyn Brown



Willie Brown

out the state of Texas or these United States of America. This is good to see. He was a member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church where he preached his first sermon under the pastorage of the late Rev. A. L. Davis.)

Tom Braxton Will Perform In Benefit For Braxton Endowment

Tom Braxton, a saxophone virtuoso, will come home to perform in a special Jazz Tribute and Scholarship Endowment Concert set for Friday evening, February 1, 2008, at the Texas Tech University Allen Theater at 8:00 p. m.. Admission is \$26.00 per person.

The proceeds from this benefit will be given to the James T. Braxton Texas Tech University Jazz Scholarship Endowment.

This concert is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Black Faculty-Staff Association and the Roots Historical Arts Council.

Eric Strong says, "This will



Tom Braxton

be an outstanding concert, and it will benefit many young people in the Lubbock area. Come and support this special concert."

Dunbar Alumni Association Making Ready For The Upcoming Dunbar All Class Reunion

After meeting last Saturday afternoon, January 12, 2008, at the Parkway-Community Center, the members are gearing up for another Dunbar All Class Reunion set for July 17 thru 20, 2008.

All former graduates, graduates and students of Dunbar High School are asked to start

District 2 because, "I want to work on an agenda that will serve the citizens of our district." He continued, "I will work for all people of Lubbock. The whole community prospers when East Lubbock prospers."

Councilman Price made his announcement to seek re-election two weeks ago at the Patterson Library.

Salinas went on to make known he will work to bring a police substation to East Lubbock. He also wants to improve parks and recreation facilities and streets and infrastructure, as well as work to bring more retail outlets to East Lubbock.

Salinas graduated from Eastcote High School. He is a member of St. Patrick Church.

The Southwest Digest has learned that another person will announce for this position next week. His name is Armando Gonzalez.

Federation of Choirs Announces New Monthly Schedule For All Local Churches Each Month

The Federation of Choirs Staff meeting was held last Saturday morning, January 12, 2008, in the home of their president, Sister Bennie Sims. There were several recommendations presented to her staff for approval for the 2008 year. They are as follows:

** The Federation of Choirs begins its program year January 1, 2008 and will end December 31, 2008.

** Monthly Host: Alphabetical Sequence -- January 27, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; February 24, Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, March 23rd, 54th Anniversary Service, April 27, Community Baptist Church, May 25, First Progressive Baptist Church, June 22, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, July 27, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, August 24, New Hope Baptist Church,

September 28, Rising Star Baptist Church, October 26, St. John Baptist Church, November 23, St. Luke Baptist Church, and December 28, St. Matthew Baptist Church.

** The Annual Planning and Election of Officers will be held Friday, April 4, 2008.

** The 55th Anniversary Plans are for March, 2009.

** The Presidential Recognition for the 54th Anniversary will be held March, 2008.

"We hope our churches as well as members of the community will take note these important dates," says President Sims. "We, the officers, will do our very best to keep the community aware of what is going on with the Federation of Choirs," she continued.

She encourages all of the community to be advised of the upcoming 54th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs which will be held Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Texas Tech University Will Host King Program

The Office of Student Diversity Relations at Texas Tech University will be hosting our Martin Luther King Jr. Program on January 29, 2008 at 6:30pm in the Escondido Theater in the Student Union Building at Texas Tech University. All Lubbock Community is invited to come and celebrate Dr. King and all he has done for us as Americans! If you have any questions, please call if you have any questions. Call Allen Sutton, Assistant Director of Student Diversity Relations, at (806) 742-5777.

"You can kill a man but you can't kill an idea" - Madge Evers

Salinas Will Challenge Price For District 2

Another person has thrown his name into the list for the position of City Councilman, District 2. This will give the voters of North and east Lubbock another name to consider.

Gilbert Salinas, an electrician and a member of the Knights of Columbus, has announced he will challenge Councilman Price for the District 2 seat. He says he will make a formal announcement on Friday, January 18, 2008.

He says he is running for



Dr. Lydia Jackson-Waters

Dr. Lydia Waters To Deliver Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Speech

The 31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration will get underway here Friday, January 18, 2008, through Monday, January 21, 2008.

The first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration was sponsored by the Southwest Digest in January, 1977, and in 1978 it was sponsored by the Lubbock Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative, Inc. was organized in 1979.

The guest speaker for the Citywide Celebration/Church Services will be a former graduate of Dunbar High School, Dr. Lydia Jackson-Waters, who is the retired Pastor of the Crossroads/Nija Panda United Methodist Church in Compton, California.

With the theme, "Still Running With The Victory," the public is invited to attend these services.

This service will be held Sunday evening, January 20, 2008, beginning at 5:00 p. m., at the Lake Ridge United Methodist Church, 4701 82nd Street.

The occasion will be given by Rev. Sonia J. Beatty, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Church, will present the occasion.

The three day events will begin with a Banquet at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q, on Friday evening, January 18th, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Guest speaker will be Quincy White, Executive Director of the Lubbock Housing Authority.

Various talents will be exhibited by local youth in a Youth Explosion on Saturday evening, January 19th, beginning at the Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue.

Closing out the three day Celebration will be a Gospel Extravaganza and Birthday Party at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

The Lubbock community is invited to attend any or all of these services.

This annual event is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee.

Tracey Soell-Jackson, a board member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee, said, "We have had a good turnout over the years. But as with anything, sometimes it gets a little boring to them, and we have tried to come up with some new innovations to get more interest. Overall, we do have a lot of activity from the community, at large."

"This promises to be a great celebration, and we are excited about this year's activities," said Joan Y. Ervin, president of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee.

"We want the public of Lubbock to come and witness this year's events, and understand our theme, 'Still Running With The Victory,'" continued Ms. Ervin.

The committee is asking for as many as can to make themselves a committee of one and get the word out about the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, regardless of where they may live in Lubbock.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

In a few days, the United States of America will celebrate the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His official holiday is Monday, January 21, 2008.

Lubbock will celebrate with programs being held in his honor. It will begin on Friday evening, January 18, 2008, with a Banquet at the KoKo Palace, 5101 S. Avenue Q, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

Saturday, January 19th, the Youth Talent Explosion will be held at the Alderson Middle School, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Sunday evening, January 20, beginning at 5:00 p. m., the Annual City Wide Celebration/Church Service will be held at the Lake Ridge United Methodist Church, 4701 82nd Street. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lydia Jackson-Waters, retired Pastor of Crossroads/Nija Panda United Methodist Church, Compton, California.

The Celebration will climax Monday evening, January 21st, beginning at 6:30 p. m. with a Gospel Extravaganza and Birthday Party at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend all services.

Plans are being made for the Dunbar All Class Reunion which is set for July 17 thru 20, 2008.

Those of you who are former Dunbar grads or students are asked to get involved with this program. If you have any questions, contact either Quincy White at (806) 792-5414 or Reva Jones Alexander at (806) 765-9274. The Dunbar Alumni Association meets the second Saturday of each month at the Dunbar Alumni Building.

All interested groups who would like to have their February events included on a City-Wide Black History Month Calendar scheduled to be submitted to the printer for publication on January 20th, should contact Shirley Ann Green at 794-8600 or by email at sagreen3@yahoo.com. Pertinent information should include: the title of the event, date, time, location, sponsor, cost (if any), and contact information.

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

A Women's Conference will be sponsored by the women of New Hope Baptist Church at the Embassy Suites, 5215 South Loop 289, February 22 & 23, 2008. Conference facilitator will be Pastor Amelia E. Jones, New Jerusalem Holiness Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For more information, contact either Sister Winnie Jackson, 793-3896, Sister Anna Chatman, 762-2267, Sister Pamela Moton, 765-8822, Sister Delores Roberts, 762-1058 or Sister Margaret Moton, 765-9577.

This special effort is sponsored by the New Hope Baptist Church.

Church services got underway at the New Hope Baptist Church with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sang out of their hearts. The morning scripture was read by Minister C. Wilson and prayer was offered by Minister McCutcheon.

The Children's Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. K. McDonald. The sermon was entitled "Know Where Your Help Comes From." His scripture text was Nehemiah 2:18. It was a splendid sermon.

Rev. McDonald said, "Everyday we need the Lord. We need our life itself as we need air to breathe I could not and on and on advise of the goodness of God."

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Royce Bradley and all visitors were welcomed by Sister Billie Caviel.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Those who are printed in various church programs are not all who are ill. If you have your health and strength, you are blessed. Just always give God the glory.

Also, let us not forget those families who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Sister Fannie Price who was funeralized last Thursday, January 10, 2008.

The Nurse's Guild of New Hope Baptist Church will meet on Saturday afternoon, January 19, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p. m. For more information, contact Sister Linda Henderson.

Listen to the New Hope Broadcast on KJAK 92.7 FM each Sunday morning, between at 11:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.

Study The Scripture: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we don't see." Hebrews 11:1.

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Mayor Miller Will Host Two Round Table Meetings



Mayor Miller

Mayor David A. Miller is hosting two citizen round table meetings in January.

"The meetings will focus on collaborations and partnerships that work to strengthen our city," said Mayor Miller.

City, county and state affairs are the topic of the first meeting, set for Thursday, January 17 at Monterey High School, 3211 47th Street.

Special guests include Senator Robert Duncan, Judge Tom Head, and County Commissioner Patti Jones. District 3 City Councilman Todd R. Klein

Open Mic Set For Patterson Library

Open Mic in Poetry will be held on Poetry night at the Patterson Branch Library on February 18, 2008.

Sign up time is 6:30 p. m., Reading will begin at 7:00 p. m. The theme will be "Love/History." Bring a friend with you and enjoy yourself.

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will also participate.

Higher education opportunities are the topic of the second meeting, set for Tuesday, January 22 at Mae Simmons Community Center, 2004 East Oak Avenue.

Special guests include Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance, Lubbock Christian University President Kent Jones, South Plains College President Kent Sharp, and Wayland Baptist University President David L. Bishop. District 2 City Councilman Floyd Price will also participate.

Both meetings begin at 6 p.m. Representatives from the City police, fire, codes, streets and park departments also will be available to answer questions from citizens.

Coaches Needed For MLK Little League

Coaches are needed to help teach the fundamentals of baseball to boys and girls of the Martin Luther King Little League.

If you are interested in coaching, please contact Charles Curry at (806) 577-1373 or Ron Sanders at (806) 535-3937.

Participate in your Local Government. Your Input is so Important!

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Wednesday Services
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12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Will Latinos Support A Black President?

It is strange how one can stumble upon valuable information without even trying. This happened to me! I was simply trying to release some frustration on underground information retrieved from data on how people of another culture and ethnic group thought so negative of the Black leaders in Lubbock.

The claimants lay bear the fact senior black leaders supposedly had a pernicious effect on their culture, religion and way of life. (These tidbits of information presented as having objective reality were actually racial parasitic and festered with hatred.)

However, when I was surfing the Web, I found the following in ViriLatino dated 20Dec2007: Whose Afraid of the Big Bad Black Man Obama? Latinos?

The writer wrote the following: Apparently no reggaeton or novella-like ad is going to get presidential candidate Barack Obama the oh so coveted Latino vote. Polls show Obama ranking way lower than Hillary Clinton. Some reasons for this is a lack of Obama name recognition in the Latino community and Clinton's longer history courting the Latino Community. Then of course there's good old fashion racism.

Over the last two decades, there has been evidence of growing hostility from Hispanics toward African Americans. Some of this hostility is the result of conflicts, or perceived conflicts, over politically controlled

resources in cities and states. But as Tanya K. Hernandez, a professor of law at George Washington, has argued recently, it may also be a legacy of an older Latin American prejudice against blacks that has been transplanted to this country (This took this writer by surprise. I had no idea that older Latinos condemn black Americans who were brought from Africa in chains on ships across the angry Atlantic Ocean—a masked hatred).

The writer of course learned from his elders and went on to say he did not completely buy this. "While no doubt there is colorism within the Latino Community, I don't know if that is enough to explain the gap in poll number. First off, I don't buy that there is that much anti-black sentiment especially within the younger portion of the Latino electorate (early 30's on down). Many of us grew up right along side African-Americans and other blacks (heard that line numerous of times). This analysis also leaves out the Afro-Latino population (you mean we have black Latinos? ::gasp:: [meant to be an insult-Mexican women having babies by black males]. Yes, deny as many may, what of those Latinos who look more like Obama's relatives than Clinton's? Maybe Obama's inability to decide if he's going to meet with controversial Latin American Leaders like Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez has a role here. The

media points to earlier elections as examples of Black-Latino hate.

If this water-in-the wind is not enough, MSNBS in a report "Minority voting power takes center stage" reported "Albert Ambiz, a naturalized citizen born in Guadalajara, Mexico, is registered Republican. But this week, as he watched Clinton canvass his heavily Hispanic neighborhood on Las Vegas' East Side, he said though he was still leaning Republican, he wasn't sure which party he would caucus with on the 19th.

The 38-year-old electrical foreman, stepping off the sidewalk to let Clinton and a pursuing pack of reporters pass by, said on immigration, his party and its messengers were guilty of "Hate, to the core." They (white people) see us (Latinos) just taking from the system," he said. "But the reality is, even the illegals, they do put in more than they take out."

If Obama wins the Democratic nomination, Segura and others wonder what effect "black-brown competition" will have on the Latino vote this fall. Segura agrees with Grofman that it's dangerous to assume the two groups will complement each other at the ballot box. It's not clear that there would be a lot of enthusiasm for an African-American from a Latino electorate."

Is this writer and leader in the Lubbock Community seeing what he thinks he is seeing, that is, Latinos playing both ends against

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We Thank God for Jesus

"It's Praying Time, Have You Seen The Signs?"

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

Matthew 9:37-38 — Jesus said, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray you therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest.

As I look around this country, the whole harvest is out of control. Even some doctors are taking their own lives as if there is no hope!!

Matthew 11:28 — Jesus said, come unto me, all of you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

The man kills his girlfriend, and then cooks her body for him to eat. America gave him rights, and other countries, the heathens we want to teach!!!

1 Corinthians 5:6 — Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leavens (Sin) leavens the whole lump?

America has gone down hill. When the Devil took prayer out of school. She has been going down hill ever sense. Now I ask who's the fool?

Romans 1:21a-22 — Because when they (Churches) know God, they glorified Him not God. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

A twelve year old boy beats his 17 month old cousin to death over a TV.

Man takes his four children and toss them off the bridge to die. Church that's our sign from God. It's praying time for you and I!!!

Isaiah 1:4a-5 — The Lord said, yea, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers. Children who are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord. Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

***** Churches Have You Seen Other Signs???**

A 23 year old teacher was arrested having sex with a 13 year old is a crime. Just one of the troubles our children are in. Church, it's praying time!!!

Romans 1:28 — Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient.

The Teen sex is out of control. Even now its very high at this time. But that's the signal from God to you and me. Church, it's praying time!!!

Matthew 11:29-30 — Jesus said, take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

In America, a Preacher was indicted. Child porn was his crime. Saints, things like that is a sign for you and me. Church, it's praying time!!!

Proverbs 15:29 — The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

***** Wha, Signs Have You Seen???**

In Houston, Texas, Parents were arrested for juggling their four toddlers. That's one of the signs for you and me to know. Church, it's praying time!!!

Matthew 24:11-12 — Jesus said, many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound. The love of many shall wax cold.

Home invasion is taking over everywhere. Have you seen the signs??? The next one may be you or me. So let's get busy Church. It's praying time!!!

***** Church, Are You Playing Or Praying???**

The government wants to save the polo bear, not the children, yours or mine. A new drug is out called "Cheese." That's a sign. Church, it's praying time!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 — The Lord said, if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land.

Yes, my good people, God is good to all of us and we need to always acknowledge Him. He loves all of us and we should love our neighbor as we do ourselves.

This writer appreciates you reading each week. May God continue to bless each of you!!!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

Church services got underway

with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. with Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis. It was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The

subject of the lesson was "Responding to Opposition." The scripture text was Luke 6:22-36. It was another wonderful lesson which can be used during the week.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast suggest this scripture each of you. It is found in Philemon 1:16. Today's subject is: "We Are More Than Servants."

Living Bible Version: "From Paul in jail preaching the good news about Jesus Christ, and from Brother Timothy to Philemon, our much loved fellow worker, and to the Church that meets in your home, and to Apphia, our sister, and to Archippus, who like myself is a soldier of the cross.

May God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, give you His blessings and His peace."

KEY VERSE: No longer only a slave, but something much better — a beloved brother. Especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, because he is not only a servant but also your Brother in Christ."

This teacher said, we don't have to be slaves any longer. You can be set free. We are now Sons and Daughters, Brothers and Sisters. So if you have wronged your Brother or Sister, in any way, go and get it straight. As the song: "Go Before I Be A Slave; I'll Be Carried To My Grave And Go Home to My Lord and be Free!"

Thought of the Day: "When the shepherds come together, the sheep will become one happy fold."

Think about it, Saints!

Another Thought: Sometimes we may get discouraged because what we're doing for the Lord seems unsuccessful. The children in the Sunday School class we teach are restless and inattentive. The neighbors we're trying to reach with the gospel are politely indifferent. The members of our own family are far from the Lord. The world we live up to God in fervent intercession grows increasingly wicked and anti-Christian.

All of this can add up to deep soul-discouragement.

Listen to the words of a Salvadoran clergyman who was murdered for his fearless denunciation of violence and injustice. He wrote: "We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold the future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We cannot do

everything, and there's a sense of liberation in realizing that."

Thank God for our Saints who read our article each week. May God continue to bless you and yours.

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

See you first Saturday!!

ing for you Sister Canady.

Also, Sister Bernice Hameed, Sister Lola Bell Byrd, and Sister Orelia Moore who are recuperating at their respective homes. May God continue to bless each of them.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones over the past week. Remember, God is able, no matter what our condition in life

may be. You see, God loves all of us.

Thought of the Week: "Our greatest strength is often shown in our ability to stand still and just trust God."

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Velda Jean McGaha

Funeral services were held for Velda Jean McGaha, 86, on Friday afternoon, January 11, 2008, at the Greater St. James Baptist Church.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Sunday, January 6, 2008, at Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs, New Mexico.

She was born March 7, 1947.

She leaves to mourn her passing: three sons: Marvin McGaha, Jimmy Lee McGaha, III and Kelly McGaha; two sisters, Lois Boyd and Celestine Rodgers; a brother, Odell Hunter, Sr.; a special niece, Irion Lanell Ross; a special nephew, Forris Washington, Jr.; 22 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



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Shooting Victim Identified

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But he says nothing is serious as what happened around 3 p.m. Monday afternoon. Chris Cerna, 17, and a friend were walking down 42nd Street when a bullet came through the window of 528 42nd. The two boys took off towards 43rd Street and that's where Cerna collapsed. EMS rushed him to UMC with a gunshot wound to the stomach.



Shooting Victim's Family Speaks Out

It was a blessing because it could have been worse, we just thank God he's doing good, he's doing real good," said Ashati Price and Antwone Thomas.

Ashati is Chris Cerna's wife and Antwone is his brother, both want to share just who Chris is.

"He loved basketball, anything really just to get his blood going," Antwone said.

"He's a good person, just out going and fun. Fun to hang around with and just fun to be with period," added Ashati.

Late Monday afternoon, Chris' mother says her son found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"He was walking down the street with his friend to go play basketball down at the school yard and all of a sudden we got a phone call saying he had been shot," said Carmen Pauda, Chris' mother.

"There was like five different people who called 911, I was one of them," said Chris' sister, Angel McNeal.

Angel was just blocks away when her brother was shot and rushed to his side.

"He asked me to hurry up and put him in the back seat of my car because he couldn't sit up straight. He kept telling me to please hurry because he couldn't hold on no more," said Angel.

"He's still in critical condition. He is stable and he is responding. He's going better," said Carmen.

Carmen has a message for whoever shot her son, "All I want to say to him is please turn himself in, face what he's done. I mean, I have no hate for him because really I don't know if he did it intentionally or if it was just an accident so I have no hate for him. All I want him to do is turn himself in and face what he's done." It makes you wonder if you want to step out in the street or even go out to your car or anything at night," says Albert

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Texas Workforce Commission Awarded Nine Grants Totaling Nearly \$2 Million For Youth

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has awarded nine grants totaling nearly \$2 million for the Texas Youth in Technology Strategic Workforce Development Initiative. Supported with Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities funds, the program is one of several workforce development strategies to support Gov. Rick Perry's statewide industry cluster initiative.

"To increase Texas' global competitiveness, we must have an educated workforce that is ready to meet the growing demand of the industries of the future dependent on science and engineering," Gov. Perry said. "Initiatives such as Texas Youth in Technology Help Texas graduate more students in these emerging fields, positioning Texas to compete nationally and internationally for jobs in the 21st century."

"The Texas Youth in Technology initiative and grants will help prepare our teens and young adults for future high-tech career opportunities," said TWC Chair Diane Rats. "In support of Gov. Perry's statewide industry cluster initiative, the nine grants will help keep Texas in the forefront of the global economy."

The Texas Youth in Technology initiative and resulting projects will establish programs to increase post-secondary enrollments, retention and graduates in engineering and computer science. Working with the Texas Engineering and Technical Consortium (TETH), the grant program also will increase collaboration between Texas employers, institutions of higher education,

and engineering and science departments.

"A diverse workforce, skilled in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, is critical to the future economic success and competitiveness of Texas," said Arturo Sanchez III, TETH Chair and Texas Instruments Manager of Workforce Development.

The nine grant recipients include:

- Southern Methodist University — to implement a seven-week engineering and computer science summer camp for 14- to 18-year-old students; provide scholarships for participants, assist work/study students enrolled in the School of Engineering; and develop mentoring and tutoring programs to increase engineering student retention.

- Tarrant County College District — to implement five computer science and engineering summer camps in partnership with Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, area businesses, local school districts, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Engineering and local community colleges to increase career opportunities in both industries.

- Texas A&M University — to implement a program that will increase post-secondary enrollments, retention and the number of graduates in computer science and engineering technology, with a focus on under-represented students. The program will provide scholarships to female high school juniors; to attend summer camp. A peer-led learning program for college students will encourage students participating in an introductory computer science course.

- Texas Tech University — to increase engineering student recruitment and retention through a series of one-week summer sessions with stipends in math, science and computer science for high-school students; paid summer engineering internships in surrounding rural communities; stipends for peer mentors in math and science to disadvantaged area high schools; and assistance for community college students transitioning to the engineering program at Texas Tech.

- The University of Texas at Austin — to expand GeoFORCE, which works primarily with high-achieving Hispanic students from Southwest Texas to increase participation, diversity and graduation rates of Texas youth in science and engineering. The program will expand to Houston and include more than 200,000 students with diverse backgrounds through summer academies, camps and field trips focused on math and sciences.

• The University of Texas at Austin — for computer science outreach to middle and high school students, teachers and counselors; the development of in-house mentoring for computer science students to improve graduation rates; to expand current recruitment of top high school students; reaching out to female students and minorities through positive role models and summer camp; and high school teacher and counselor workshops focusing on the computer science job market and importance of high school math and science courses.

- University of Houston — to implement summer programs for under-represented high-school students that will integrate science, math and engineering principles to support increasing the number of engineering graduates entering the Texas workforce; and a summer camp for college students to prepare them for their second-year engineering curriculum.

- University of North Texas — to expand mobile summer computer robotics camps for middle and high school female students and special student programs to include all students. The program also will create camps for high school counselors and teachers to receive hands-on computer science and engineering experience, as well as instruction on careers and education in those fields.

- University of Texas at San Antonio — to recruit minority females ages 17 through 19 to attend summer engineering survival skills workshop and math preparation program for engineers. Freshman participants will receive a stipend to work in a research laboratory.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

**Happy Birthday,
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.!**

News Anchor Suspended 2 Weeks for "Lynch" Comment About Tiger Woods

HONOLULU (AT) — Golf Channel suspended anchor Kelly Tilghman for two weeks on Wednesday for saying last week that young players who wanted to challenge Tiger Woods should "lynch him in a back alley."

Tilghman was laughing during the exchange Friday with analyst Nick Faldo at the Mercedes-Benz Championship, and Woods' agent at IMG said he didn't think there was any ill intent.

But the comments became prevalent on news shows Wednesday, and the Rev. Al Sharpton joined the fray by demanding she be fired immediately. Golf Channel didn't know who would replace Tilghman in the booth this week at the Sony Open or next week at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

"There is simply no place on our network for offensive language like this," Golf Channel

said in a statement.

Tilghman became golf's first female anchor last year when the PGA Tour signed a 15-year deal in which Golf Channel broadcasts the first three events of the year, weekday coverage of all tour events and full coverage of the Fall Series and opposite-field events.

The suspension ends in time for the Buick Invitational on Jan. 24, when Woods will make his 2008 debut.

Faldo and Tilghman were discussing young players who could challenge the world's No. 1 player toward the end of Friday's broadcast at Kapalua when Faldo suggested that "to take Tiger on, maybe they should just gang up for a while."

"Lynch him in a back alley," Tilghman replied.

"While we believe that Kelly's choice of words was inadvertent and that she did not intend them in an offensive manner, the



"words were hurtful and grossly inappropriate," Golf Channel said in its statement. "Consequently, we have decided to suspend Kelly for two weeks, effective immediately."

Woods and Tilghman have known each other 12 years. She was picked to host a club demonstration with Woods in south Florida when he talked about new products from Nike Golf.

Tilghman was helped when Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG, said it was a non-issue and considered the matter "case closed." Tiger and Kelly are

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

GOOD TO KNOW THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY WILL BE OBSERVED NEXT YEAR! THIS 'N' THAT has learned from WAYNE HAVEN, Lubbock Public Schools Superintendent, that the restoration of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY will be observed next year that is JANUARY, 2009. Now this is good to know because if ever there was a time it is now for ALL STUDENTS IN THE LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS to know the importance of this special National Holiday. Hopefully many young people will want to know about his man who came and fought for the rights of all Americans. THIS 'N' THAT says THANKS to Mr. Haven and the Board of Trustees for making this happen.

SPEAKING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION! THIS 'N' THAT is encouraging as many as can to participate in the upcoming annual Celebration of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY this week with many activities this weekend. This will be the 33RD ANNUAL YEAR and it did begin with the sponsorship of the SOUTHWEST DIGEST in January, 1977 and the second year it was sponsored by the LUBBOCK BRANCH OF THE NAACP in 1978

and in 1979 the effort was incorporated and was called the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL and along the way MANY LUBBOCK CITIZENS from throughout the City of Lubbock have been involved for many programs to take place. For that THIS 'N' THAT says a SPECIAL THANKS to all of you. There is no doubt about it all credit is given to GOD for everything to happen. Hopefully this City of Lubbock will continue to come together for it to be better for all of us. There is no doubt about it there is much work to be done but we thank GOD from whence we have all come.

MAKE A DECISION TO ATTEND MLK PROGRAMS THIS WEEKEND! THIS 'N' THAT is hoping as many as can will attend as many of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION this weekend beginning with the annual banquet on Friday night January 18th where QUINCY WHITE will be the guest speaker at the KoKo Palace. On Saturday night our young people will be presented in a special Youth Night on the campus of Alderson Middle School beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Annual City Wide Celebration will take place again at the Lake Ridge United Methodist Church with guest speaker being one of our former

residents and graduate of Dunbar High School. DR. LYDIA JACKSON-WATERS, who is a retired Pastor, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Closing out the Annual Celebration will be a special Gospel Extravaganza & Birthday Party on the Official Holiday Monday evening January 21st at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "STILL RUNNING FOR THE VICTORY!" THIS 'N' THAT is hoping to seeing you at some of the events.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "A HYPOCRITE" will often PRAY on his knees on Sunday mornings and prey on his NEIGHBORS all day Mondays!

MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY! THIS 'N' THAT had an opportunity to address the beautiful SENIOR CITIZENS of the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center last Tuesday morning. After advising them of an opportunity in the past to move to another location on the same campus but at the time they were against it but after discussing what had taken place they have decided to revisit this proposal by developing a PETITION! It is just great to see these active SENIOR CITIZENS want to get involved. This is great!

Think About It!

Juneteenth Movement On State of Texas Capitol Grounds Nearing!

by Eddie P. Richardson



(Editor's Note: This is a project which Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher has been working with for over ten years, and now it finally is becoming a reality.)

Texas Commission members of the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural Commission met Friday, January 11, 2008, at the Texas State Capitol to complete the final leg of the installation cost, to get all the nuts, bolts and screws in place with state agencies such as the Preservation Board, Attorney General's Office, State Construction Office, State Historical Board, the wording for the Movement, the design, location, make sure all ends were in place, the crossing of all 'I's' and 'T's', and finally, wait for the installation.

The architect and director of projects and construction for the Facilities Commission have worked with the Commission since the inception.

The statue in Galveston is in place at the time of induction was "Come On Home Where It All Began!" The Monument on the Capitol Grounds in Austin will be shown in the photo: (left to right: Legislator, Wife, Farmer and Preacher.

12-Year-Old CEO Leanna Archer is Not Defined By the Awards She Earns But By the Knowledge She Shares



New York, NY (BlackNews.com) - Leanna Archer dreamed of starting her own hair-care business, and now she is a student of the Social Sciences. Then, when I look at today's youth, that fact is indeed something that we must reckon with. Today's youth does not know or care about things that happened before they were born and those things do not clutter their brains. They quickly grasp the 'here and now' and move quickly through their daily lives without the baggage of the past. We older people carry the past with us every day and have just about used up our productive brain cells making it difficult to learn anything new. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and free up some brain cells and learn something new that can keep us revitalized in 2008.

ing was going to stop her from achieving it. Not even the fact that she was only eight years old. She is simultaneously running Leanna's Inc., taking singing and piano lessons, a motivational speaker on weekends, working on a teen magazine and making the elementary school honor roll. Welcome to the world of Leanna Archer, a most unusual 12 year old from Islip NY in Long Island. When she was just eight years old, Leanna decided that she wanted to create a business selling the homemade hair dressing recipe (handed down from her great grandmother who is still living with her) that left her hair exceptionally healthy, shiny and soft.

After Leanna spent a year

bugging her parents about the idea, they were convinced that it was not just a phase, after all she went behind their back and started selling it in school and the kids parents started asking for more. They agreed to give it a try. Leanna's dad and 15 year old brother created a website (www.leannashair.com) where customers could learn and buy the hair dressing. It didn't take long for some beauty salons to start using, selling the products and demanding more. Leanna delivered with a natural oil treatment, natural shampoo and natural conditioner.

Leanna's typical day is going to school, come home, and walk the dog then check to see how many orders are on the website

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

many senior citizens have left are fond memories of a time gone by. Because of the uncertainty of today's economy, the technological advances being relied upon each day along with the political atmosphere of the world, country, state, county and local government entities, life is hard. It is hard for well active people and even more so for the elderly. Physical and mental limitations do not have to be present for the aged to have a difficult time while we see grade school children able to comprehend things that the elderly can only become frustrated with. Too often we wonder why without thinking about it.

Why can my grandson figure out all of the things that I cannot

get straight on my computer in a few minutes while I spend hours, days trying to straighten it out? One reason which I have concluded is that our minds are like the computers. Our cells hold only so much information. Sometimes, we are able to recall something by association, just like the computer does. We are also able to empty up some cells on the computer, but it seems that information which we put in our brain cells just take up space whether we can recall it or not. If we master emptying out what we cannot use, maybe we can put something new in its place and make life a little bit easier.

I had a lady say one time that nothing important went on in the world before she was born. This was hard for me to accept since I

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The two BCS finalists mirror the spot in general. Ohio State has a white head coach, Jim Tressel, and two white coordinators.

Same for LSU, which has Les Miles at head coach and white men running both the offense and defense.

While Porter has the important-sounding title of assistant head coach, his main responsibility is coaching running backs. Gary Crowton directs the offense, with Miles getting the final say.

The Buckeyes and Tigers are hardly alone.

Schools playing in BCS bowls were 10-for-10 when it came to having white coaches, and just three had coordinators of color.

One was Kevin Sumlin, the co-offensive coordinator at Oklahoma and the only black man to be hired as a head coach for 2008. He took over at Houston after Oklahoma's loss to West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl.

Then there are guys such as Porter and Georgia's highly regarded recruiting coordinator, Rodney Garner.

Between them, they have 28 years of coaching experience. Between them, they have zero interviews for a top job.

"You'd like to see a system where everyone is judged on their own merit," Garner said before the Bulldogs defeated Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl, held on the same field where the national title will be decided. "Do I think my resume is comparable to some? Yeah, I do."

Yet, Garner continues to wait for an opportunity that might never come, at least under the current system where influential boosters — nearly all of them rich white men — have a major say in who runs the football program.

It's the ultimate old boy's network, with deals being hammered out at whites-only country clubs or exclusive golf courses.

"I don't know if there's a resistance to hiring black coaches, but I do know that people are more comfortable hiring people they know," Porter said. "I think that's most of it."

The Black Coaches and Administrators association has led the fight to bring more diversity to the coaching ranks, yelling and screaming about the low numbers, getting the support of NCAA president Myles Brand, but making little real progress in changing the way business is done.

The BCA is now threatening to file a federal civil rights lawsuit, hoping to do for black coaches what Title IX did for women's athletics.

Lapchick has his own idea, proposing an "Eddie Robinson Rule" that would be similar to NFL guidelines requiring teams to interview at least one minority candidate in every coaching search.

The "Rooney Rule" has certainly worked well for the pros, who last year had the first Super Bowl with two black head coaches, Tony Dungy of Indianapolis and Lovie Smith of Chicago. The NFL ended this regular season with seven black head coaches among its 32 teams — one more than the major college ranks, even though there's only about a fourth as many jobs.

"We need to force schools to look at more African-American coaches," Lapchick said. "Yes, some of them would get bogus interviews. Yes, some schools would do it just because that's what they have to do. But in the NFL, after that rule was passed, the owners started meeting coaches they never would have met before. They started to realize, 'Hey, some of these guys really fit the mission of what we're trying to do. Hey, let's give 'em a shot.'"

"Look what happened: We ended up with two African-American coaches in the Super Bowl."

Garner doesn't think such a rule would be nearly as effective at the college ranks, where so many more people tend to be involved in the hiring — and firing — of football coaches.

"There's just too many power players in college football, with the alumni and all the different people, the different factions," he said. "In the NFL, it's us, fly one or two people in the decision-making process. It's totally different."

Teary-Eyed Owens Backs Quarterback



He wore pitch-black aviator shades to his postgame news conference. And he needed them to shield his eyes, which dripped tears when the subject turned to Tony Romo.

"It's not about Tony," he said, his voice even, flat. "You guys can point the finger at him. You can talk about the vacation..."

His voice trailed off, then cracked and wobbled. But Owens continued on. He fought to contain his sobs, blurring out sentences between them.

"If you do that, that's really unfair," Owens said. "Really unfair. That's my teammate. That's my quarterback. We lost as a team. We lost as a team man."

Owens knew the subject would come up, especially after Romo completed 18 of 36 passes for 201 yards, a touchdown, an interception and a 64.7 quarterback rating.

The performance came after Romo botched the snap on a late field-goal attempt last season in the playoffs against the Seahawks. It also came after Romo used his playoff bye week to vacation in Mexico with his pop star girlfriend, Jessica Simpson.

During the week, the Cowboys insisted the controversy Romo created in Cabo San Lucas was overblown. After the game, Romo said better there than Las Vegas.

"I don't live with regrets," Romo said. "I'm content in my own skin. If I try to be a good person, and I'm strong enough in my faith, if I'm strong enough in what I'm trying to do, then I feel like I'm doing it the right way."

Romo pulled on designer jeans and a brown shirt, as teammates avoided his locker. A reporter asked if this loss felt different than the playoff loss last season against the Seahawks.

"No," Romo said. It was Owens who took to heart the criticism of Romo. He stopped the tears and carried on the interview, but eventually someone asked why the subject made him so emotional. He turned immediately from a sympathetic teammate to a news media critic.

"Of course it's unfair," Owens said. "I've been through it. I know what it's like."

Like what, exactly, someone else wondered?

"I know the media," Owens said. "He's the quarterback of this team. Win or lose, it's going to fall on the quarterback's shoulders."

This was not the Terrell Owens of years past, the flamboyant and talkative wide receiver with the tendency to engage in clashes with his quarterbacks. He bickered regularly in Philadelphia with Donovan McNabb. And he insulted quarterback Jeff Garcia, then with the 49ers.

On Sunday, Owens changed the whole routine. He went from a quarterback critic to a quarterback defender. His sadness appeared genuine. Asked if that was because this was the best relationship he had had with a quarterback, Owens said none of his relationships with quarterbacks went sour. (McNabb and Garcia might disagree.)

"I always had a good relationship with my quarterbacks," Owens said. "I know the type of person I am on the inside. You guys judge me on the outside."

ent in college. It's not even applicable. I think it would have zero chance to work."

Porter disagrees. He feels the most effective way to break down the barriers is to at least get a foot in the door.

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During the week, Owens declared that an ankle sprain would not prevent him from playing Sunday.

After the game, in which he caught four passes for 49 yards and a touchdown, he said the injury did not limit him at all.

Before the Romo subject brought Owens to tears, he sat like the rest of his teammates. It seemed like an adult version of the Quiet Game, with the biggest question: Who would break the silence?

Receiver Patrick Crayton declined to talk. Running back Marion Barber III had already cleaned out his locker. Lineman Flozell Adams shouted obscenities at reporters. Jerry Jones, the Cowboys' owner, whispered quietly, sweat dripping down his face, as he was surrounded by dozens of reporters.

Of all these reactions, Owens's was the most emotional. He last cried publicly when the 49ers upset the Green Bay Packers in the 1998 playoffs. He said he "felt" the Cowboys were destined for the Super Bowl, then corrected himself.

"Not felt," he said. "I know we were. This loss hurts."



New York, NY (BlackNews.com) — Olivia Harris, a 14 year old New York City 10th grader has recorded a unique and powerful rendition of "A Warrior Has Fallen", a poetic tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. written by her father, Herbert Harris, author of The Twelve Universal Laws of Success.

The recording features the poem interwoven with music and excerpts from Dr. King's speech in Memphis, Tennessee.

Olivia recorded this poem in Wilmington, North Carolina, a town with special significance in Dr. Martin Luther King's story. His next speaking engagement was scheduled to be in

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friends, and Tiger has a great deal of respect for Kelly," Steinberg said Tuesday night in a statement released by Golf Channel.

"Regardless of the choice of words used, we know unequivocally that there was no ill-intent in her comments."

Tilghman had said in a previous statement she apologized directly to Woods, and the immediate support from Woods' camp was critical.

After Woods won the 1997 Masters at age 21 to become its youngest champion, Fuzzy Zoeller referred to him as "that little boy," and suggested that Woods not serve fried chicken or collard greens, "or whatever the hell they serve," at the Champions Dinner.

Woods, who had a different management team in his first full season, did not respond for three days to Zoeller's apology, and it took Zoeller years to recover from the fallout.

Tilghman's comment made the rounds Wednesday on TV shows such as CNN's Headline News, and it was prominently discussed on blogs and message boards on the Internet. It also was a topic on the practice range at the Sony Open.

"I'm sure Kelly wishes she never said that," Jim Furyk said. "I haven't spoken with Tiger, but I've been told that they've had their talk and they've discussed it. Anything I say is kind of just like pouring salt in the wound at this point. Obviously, she would love to not have said that and for it not to be news. I'm glad that her and Tiger spoke."

Fred Funk only heard about the comment Wednesday morning.

"There was no ill intent at all," he said. "I think it was just a slip, and they said that Tiger has already forgiven her. I think when you're in the TV tower for that many hours, you're going to wish you didn't say some things probably, and that was one thing that slipped out. I think you've got to give them a little grace."

"Her integrity, how Kelly is respected out here, is pretty good. I think Tiger really likes Kelly, so that helped squash it. Because Tiger could have run off with that if he took it the wrong way."

Wilmington before his untimely death.

Olivia was excited to record "A Warrior Has Fallen" because she feels that it is important for young people to remember Dr. King's legacy and understand his impact on the world.

Her rendition of this poem evokes the art of dramatic recitation that was prevalent in American schools of the past. She hopes to have "A Warrior Has Fallen" heard by young people on radio and television stations throughout the country.

In addition to dramatic reading, Olivia is also an author. She has written a book of poetry entitled To Whom it May Concern.

Olivia's recording of "A Warrior Has Fallen" is one of the top MP3 downloads on amazon.com. It will also be available on iTunes and is being distributed to radio stations across the nation. It will soon be available through her website: www.oliviaspeaks.com

Special versions of the recording are being provided to top radio and TV shows, including Oprah, Montel, Tyra, Ellen, The View, and Tom Joyner, Steve Harvey, and Doug Banks Morning Shows.

For more information and to obtain a promotional copy of "A Warrior Has Fallen", contact John Hughes at (910) 262-2680 or by email to lifeskill@earthlink.net.

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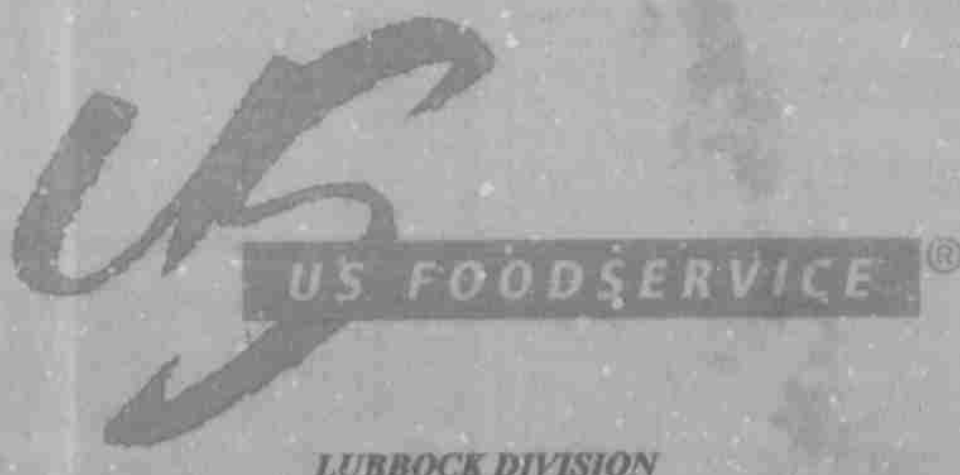
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