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Community Meetings

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 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, Mac Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway 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.

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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Rice warns of 'consequences' if Khartoum opts for confrontation

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Sudan in firm terms on Wednesday it must choose between "cooperation and confrontation" with the rest of the world and accept a U.N. force for Darfur.

Khartoum's new military offensive in the western region of Darfur makes international pressure all the more urgent, Rice told the Africa Society in a speech.

"Innocent people are suffering and dying. The humanitarian situation, already tenuous, is at risk of becoming a complete disaster. And the hope of peace is now in danger of collapsing altogether," she said of Darfur.

"We are not going to sit by and watch this kind of death and destruction continue and we will use whatever tools are necessary, through the U.N., to be able to stop that," she said, without specifying what these tools might be.

Rice called for an immediate cease-fire between government forces and rebels and said if rebel groups continued to refuse to sign onto the May Darfur peace deal, they would face targeted U.N. sanctions.

Last month, the United Nations agreed to a 20,000-strong peacekeeping force for Darfur to augment African troops already there, but Khartoum insists it will not allow them in, equating such a mission to "colonialism."

"The Sudanese government faces a clear and consequential decision," said Rice, adding,

"This is the choice between cooperation and confrontation." Rice did not indicate what she meant by "confrontation."

If Beshir opts for cooperation, she said, his country "will find a

peacekeeping force and threatening the international community — then the regime in Khartoum will be held responsible, and it alone will bear the consequences," the chief US diplomat

be able to stop that," Rice said.

U.S. member nations, particularly those offering troops, have made clear they do not want to shoot their way into Darfur, where about 7,000 African Union troops

declined to provide specifics, saying it was more diplomatic to leave the consequences vague.

"But we never make idle statements," said Natsios, who plans to travel to Sudan in the next few weeks.

The African Union force, whose mandate was extended last week until the end of this year, has been unable to stop the violence that has driven 2.5 million people from their homes and killed an estimated 200,000 since 2003.

Aside from the threat of punitive action, the United States has begun dangling the carrot of incentives if Sudan agrees to a U.N. force, including the promise of reconstruction funds and improved bilateral ties.

"If the government of Sudan choose cooperation - if it works with the United Nations and welcomes the U.N. force into Darfur, then it will find a dedicated partner in the United States," said Rice.

has become a rallying cry in the United States among a group of religious, political and rights groups and the Bush administration is under strong pressure to act.

The Save Darfur Coalition ran a full-page advertisement in The New York Times on Wednesday, showing mass graves in Darfur.

"When all the bodies have been buried in Darfur, how will history judge us?" said the headline on the advertisement.



A displaced Sudanese family ride their donkey in search of water near the Argo IDP camp in Tawilla, north Darfur, Sudan September 6, 2006. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Sudan in firm terms on Wednesday it must choose between 'cooperation and confrontation' with the rest of the world and accept a U.N. force for Darfur.

dedicated partner in the United States."

"But if the Sudanese government chooses confrontation — if it continues waging war against its own citizens, challenging the African Union, undermining its

said. Rice reiterated, however, that the United States has no intention of going it alone against the government in Khartoum.

"We will use whatever tools are necessary through the UN to

are battling to keep the peace in an area the size of France.

VAGUE CONSEQUENCES

When asked what Rice meant by this, U.S. special envoy for Sudan, Andrew Natsios, also

Editorial: Come on home to East Lubbock

(Editor's Note: this is the second of three editorials concerning the development of East Lubbock with the help of the apartments, Park Meadows Villas and Stone Hollow Village, developed by Landmark Housing Development, Kent Hance, owner.)

For almost thirty years, the Southwest Digest has been on its soap box pushing economic development in East Lubbock. When you look at it, we find it has been a recurring theme in the Southwest Digest, but as usual, we feel the need to continue to revisit it from time to time. Our constant message is "Support East Lubbock!" and "East

Lubbock needs your help!"

There are plenty of you who grew up in East Lubbock. You probably attended Dunbar High School or Estacado High School. Some of your parents and perhaps some of you may still live in East Lubbock, but a large number of you do not. This is fine, and we understand, but we need you! Our neighborhoods need you! Our businesses need you! Most of all, however, our schools need you! The East Lubbock schools really need your children and grandchildren to stop the massive closing of our neighborhood schools.

At this time, we have new housing development for those of

you who need good family living. Two new apartment complexes, Park Meadows Villas, 2502 Weber Drive, and Stone Hollow Village, 1510 East Cornell Street, have been developed for good family living. Believe it or not, it has happen. This is not a rumor. Also, the remaining Green-Fair Manor Apartments will be torn down and replaced with another first class complex and it will provide renters as well as homeowners positive neighborhoods. The North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation has the King Dominion development which is perfect for your new home. It has been reported of a variety of new

businesses on the drawing board.

No matter what has been done for the development of East Lubbock, the Southwest Digest says "Thank You!" If you do business, attend church, teach our young people, pastor a congregation, shop or live, the Southwest Digest wants to thank you for whatever you do or going to do. But, please come back home to East Lubbock. We miss having you as our neighbors.

In the past, a large number of us have exited East Lubbock, because of the lack of decent sufficient housing. But today, the Phoenix Bird in East Lubbock is rising for the betterment of East Lubbock. We are on the way to

the necessary number of roof tops needed to develop East Lubbock. This will halt the closing of our schools, and even reopen the closed doors of some. Hopefully in the future, more new schools will be constructed in East Lubbock.

For those of you who have moved out of East Lubbock, we are asking you to come back to East Lubbock! Come back and see what is going on. The Southwest Digest would recommend you visit the new apartment complexes, Park Meadows Villas and Stone Hollow Village. If you are in need of housing, move back and be a part of one of the complexes.

Health Department to administer 300 doses of flu vaccine to high risk adults

The City of Lubbock Health Department has received 300 doses of flu vaccine and will administer the vaccine to high-risk adults on Tuesday morning, October 3, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the City of Lubbock Health Department, 1902 Texas Avenue. The cost of the vaccine is \$20 per person. Medicare will be accepted.

High-risk adults include the following:

- all persons aged 65 and older;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma (hypertension is not considered a high-risk condition);
- adults who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunodeficiency (including immunodeficiency caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus (HIV));
- adults who have any condition

(e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;

- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions; and
- adults providing direct care to high-risk persons.

Reminder: You cannot take the flu shot if you are ill with a fever or have an allergy to eggs.

Texas Tech readies for "University Day"

High school seniors, the time has come to visit college campuses. On Monday, October 9, Texas Tech University will host Fall University Day for all prospective students, families and friends.

"This is a day that provides prospective students an opportunity to see what Texas Tech has to offer," said Karen Hamel, associate director, Texas Tech Office of

Admissions. Most importantly, University Day is designed for our visitors to meet one-on-one with our faculty, staff, and students.

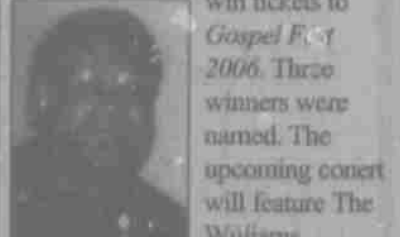
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Monday, October 9, in the United Spirit Arena, followed by a welcome from the Court Jesters, the Spirit Squads and other guest speakers.

During the day, visitors will have a chance to attend academic information sessions, campus and housing tours, student services and organization fairs.

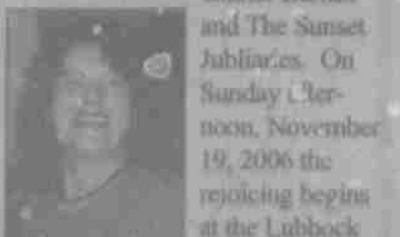
"University Day gives prospective students a glimpse of college life," said Kristi Fluke, an admissions counselor. "There will be many opportunities to see what Texas Tech is all about."

Gospel Fest 2006 ticket winners

More than twenty people submitted their name for a chance to win tickets to Gospel Fest 2006. Three winners were named. The upcoming concert will feature The Williams Brothers and Luther Barnes and The Sunset Jubilees. On Sunday afternoon, November 19, 2006 the rejoicing begins at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.



Hodge



Merchant

The winners are Ralph Hodge, Linda Merchant and Jonita Oliver. Each person received a ticket for the concert.

"We are really excited about the number of people who are interested in his upcoming event," says Ms. Faye Brown, one of the promoters of the event. "We just thank God for his goodness, and those who participated in the contest," she said.



Oliver

Ms. Joyce Wright, who is also helping promote the concert, said, "This should be a very exciting concert and is the second time The Williams Brothers will be here. If you haven't gotten your ticket, time is running out!"

Tickets are available through Select-A-Seat locations. For more information, call either (806) 744-6123, 762-3612 or 766-2971.

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.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Texas College Alumni Association will meet at the Furr's Cafeteria Saturday afternoon, September 30, 2006, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Those who are graduates or former students of Texas College in Tyler are asked to get involved and attend this meeting.

The Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association Exercise Club will meet Monday, October 2, 2006, at 1:00 p. m. at 1301 East 24th Street. On Thursday afternoon, October 4, 2006, the regular monthly meeting of AARP will be held.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, October 22, 2006, at the Community Baptist Church, where Rev. Larry Brooks is pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in of our community and other places. Among those desiring

our prayers are Sister Dorothy Isaac, who is a sister of Sister Lucille Jackson; Brother Alfred Caviel, husband of Sister Billie Caviel; and Sister Helen Thornton. There are many others who we may no name in this report. God is able.

Also, there are those among us who have lost loved ones. Let us not forget them as well. As it is written in John 11:25 - "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

This column wants to encourage our young people to attend college or university. Right here in Lubbock, let us be advised of the Fall University Day at Texas Tech University for prospective students, families, and friends. It will be held Monday morning, October 9, 2006, beginning at 7:30 a. m. at the University Spirit Arena. By attending this event, students will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with faculty, staff and students. For more information, contact Karen Hamel, a.sociate director at

Texas Tech Office of Admission.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will have their Men and Women's Day Sunday afternoon, October 15, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker for the program will be Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend. Rev. Eddie L. Everline is host pastor.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 24, 2006, at New Hope Baptist Church where Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with meditation and prayer. The Praise Team sang inspirational music. After scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "That's My Story & I'm Sticking To It! His scripture text was Col. 9:1-12. It was an outstanding sermon.

In Remembrance

Ozell Craft
Funeral services for a Lubbock minister, Elder Ozell



Craft, were held Saturday morning, September 23, 2006, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, with Bishop William Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Elder Craft was found dead in his residence, 1915 42nd Street, Monday, September 18, 2006. He had been stabbed multiple times in his back.

A 28 year-old man was arrested in Chicago, Ill. Thursday afternoon, September 21, 2006, in connection with the homicide. The suspect, Saul Mendez, remains in custody in the state until extradition process is completed.

Craft's employer went to his residence to check on him and found the front door open. Police officers arrived shortly and found Craft's body inside the house.

Elder Craft was employed at Arctic Glacier Ice in Lubbock, and was the minister at the Greater Love Church in Tulsa.

Q. B. Lawson

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Q. B. Lawson,



were held Saturday morning, September 23, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Lawson passed away Saturday, September 16, 2006, at University Medical Center.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson
Something to think about!

Just a few suggestions to add to your fall wardrobe...



beautiful winter and gold metallic hats, sexy multi-colored crystal feather pins to enhance your favorite unit, and every angel should own an ostrich, turkey or peacock hat.

Ladies, it doesn't take much to get noticed. When it comes to fashion, the right choosing will take you a long way... and that my friend is something to think about.

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile!
FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Haynes to be honored at anniversary celebration

The 6th Pastoral Anniversary for Supt. W. David Haynes of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, will be held Friday and Saturday evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m., September 29 & 30, 2006, and Sunday afternoon, October 1, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.



With the scripture theme: I Timothy 5:17-18; "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who

labour in the word and doctrine. (18) For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the labourer is worthy of his reward," the word will be preached and someone will be saved.

The public is invited to attend.

Rev. & Mrs. J. H. Ford's 25th Appreciation Celebration



Rev. and Mrs. J.H. Ford

The officers and members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church are proud to announce and invite the public to attend the 25th Appreciation Services of Pastor and Sister J. H. Ford.

Friday evening, October 6, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m., a City-Wide Musical will be presented and will feature many voices of the Churches of Lubbock. Saturday evening, October 7, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m., an Appreciation Banquet will be held at the

Lubbock Country Club. Friends are asked to please come and with the honorees. Banquet tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information, contact the church office.

The finale will be Sunday afternoon, October 8, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. The Greater St. James Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas, Rev. R. T. McNeil, pastor, will be special guest.

The Appreciation Committee is asking you to please come and bless a family of God.

Open your doors and open your hearts

Open your doors and open your hearts

Attention Lubbock neighbors: on October 14, 2006 WPS will be hosting the 1st annual Dollar-A-Door Campaign. Volunteers will be going door to door from 10am till 1pm asking Lubbock neighbors to donate \$1 to WPS. The funds collected will go directly to the victims of domestic violence in our communities. Please be ready when you hear the tap on your door on the morning of October 14, 2006 because it will be a friendly WPS volunteer asking you to donate \$1. If you are unavailable during the morning of the fundraising please leave your donation in an envelope labeled WPS and attach it to your door. Thank you to everyone in advance for making WPS' Dollar-A-Door campaign a huge success!

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or have any questions please contact Rosy Rios or Nana Sanchez at 806-748-5292.

All funds raised benefit victims of domestic violence and their chil-

dren to be able to live free from violence. Services are provided by WPS to victims in Lubbock and the surrounding communities, such as shelter, food, clothing, emergency transportation, essential daily needs, a 24 hour hotline, adult and children counseling, social referrals, legal advocacy, community outreach and education, and children's programs all of which are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

Purpose of Women's Protective Services

Founded in 1978, Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. was established as a 501(c)(3) shelter program for victims of domestic violence. WPS has grown in strength and services over the past 27 years to become one of the three largest residential shelters in the state of Texas.

In 2005, WPS provided crisis intervention and supportive services to 4,801 women and children, and answered 4,112 hotline calls.

WPS is the only agency that provides crisis intervention, emer-

gency shelter and support services to battered women and their children in a 10,500 square-mile region. This region has a population of 325,000 comprising the 12 West Texas counties of Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of WPS to reduce and prevent family violence by providing emergency shelter to women and their dependent children. It is also the mission of WPS to nurture self-sufficiency in our clients by providing them with the emotional support and life skills to overcome the pattern of violence that has dominated their domestic relationships and build strong, healthy and promising lives.

WPS continues to provide supportive services such as individual and group counseling for women and children, parenting classes, social services referral, legal advocacy, employment and educational assistance and community education.

Farrakhan seriously ill; gives up daily operations

CHICAGO - Minister Louis Farrakhan said in a letter to followers this month that he is seriously ill, and he asked the Nation of Islam's leaders to carry on in his absence to make sure the movement "will live long after I and we have gone."

Farrakhan, 73, said he began suffering pain earlier this year similar to 1998, when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and underwent surgery. He said doctors discovered an ulcer in his anal area during a visit to Cuba in March.

Since then, he has dropped more than 20 pounds while battling "serious infection and inflammation," Farrakhan said in a letter dated Sept. 11 and published in the Nation of Islam's The Final Call newspaper.

Officials at Howard University Hospital didn't return a phone call seeking comment on Farrakhan's condition. A man who answered the phone at the Nation of Islam headquarters in Chicago said the organization had no comment on Farrakhan's condition.

Farrakhan said he will work hard to recover "because I do not believe my earthly work is done." He said he asked his executive board to solve problems during his recovery.

Farrakhan likened his situation to that of Fidel Castro, who temporarily relinquished power because of illness.

"While many rejoiced in believing and thinking that if Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution expired they could move Cuba and the Revolution

in a new direction - his absence from the helm only proved that Cuba will not fall apart over the absence or passing of their illustrious leader," Farrakhan wrote in the letter.

He also warned followers to be "ever watchful for any smart, crooked deceiver and hypocrite who would create confusion over my present condition."

Experts said Farrakhan's death could seriously alter the future of the group.

"Through the organization's history, the death of a leader has meant a number of divisions," said Lawrence Mamiya, a professor of religion and African studies at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. "Whether members of the Nation will follow aboard is up for grabs."

After the death of Nation leader Elijah Muhammad in 1975, the organization split. Since then there have been several smaller divisions.

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Officers to be elected for Dunbar Alumni Association

This year the bylaws of the International Dunbar Alumni Association were amended to affect the election of officers to be held every two years to coincide with the reunions.

The election of officers for 2006-2008 will be held Saturday, October 14, 2006, at the monthly

meeting at 4:00 p.m. All members are held at the Alumni Building, East 27th Street and MLK Blvd. Members are asked to make plans to attend and cast their ballot.

Alumni members are asked to please keep in mind that each candidate must be in good stand-

ing, current in membership, show great leadership, and must reside in the city limits. Candidates must have good attendance.

All voters must also be in good standing, and current in their membership. Please consider joining up if you haven't already!

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Who Do You Say I Am?

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

I was born without an earthly father more than two thousand years ago. I was conceived in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit, a man she didn't know.

Matthew 1:19th - Mary was exposed to Joseph. Before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

I was born in poverty, but came from above where the riches are on high. I was born in a stable, and I'm called the Lamb of God, because I'm the Lamb of Life.

John 1:29 - The next day John saw Jesus coming unto Him, and said, behold (look), the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world.

***** He Was Born To Die For Your Sins And Mine! *****

As a child, I puzzled the doctors, and they wondered where were I learned from I got my knowledge from my father. God, that's where it all come from.

James 1:5 - If any of you like wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally and it shall be given to him.

I never did have a farm or a ranch or a slave, but yet I was called Master. I was about my Father's business, saving many souls. That's what I was after.

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed, and

you shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

***** Has The Word God Made You Free??? *****

I never traveled very far from beyond the boundaries of which I lived, but made all things: water, the moon, oil, stars, and even the height of hills.

John 1:3-4 - All things were made by Him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

I ruled the course of nature. I walked on water. I turned water into wine. My Father has given all power to men, and that is why all the power is mine.

Matthew 28:18 - Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and earth.

I cursed a tree one day that it would no longer bring forth anymore fruit. I can even open the ears of mankind, who are no longer a deaf mute.

Mark 7:37 - And they were beyond measure astonished, saying he has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

I fed many times the multitudes and didn't even charge them one thin dime. I opened the eyes of many, many, many people who I knew were truly blind.

***** Has Your Eyes Been Open**

Yet? ***

Luke 9:16 - Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, brake, and gave to the Disciples to set before the multitude.

I made the wind and the waves to stop raring, and to be at peace, because I was in the bottom part of the ship. I was trying to sleep.

Mark 4:39 - And he rose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, peace, be still. The wind did cease, and there was a great calm.

I healed many of mankind without medicines, and there was never a charge. I did it by the power of my Father, because inside me was his same loving heart.

Philippians 2:5 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

***** Do You Have The Mind Of Christ??? *****

Luke 4:18-19 - Jesus said, the spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them who are bruise, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Nerve of a Brass Monkey: "Hugo Chavez"

Most English speaking American males are intelligent enough to know there are some things you do not do on another person property. One of the items on the list that is a "no-no" is insulting an English-speaking male before his family and especially on his property.

Let me put the following in a kind, gentle and humble way. As Americans, we are a family made up of many ethnic groups. We have three branches of government, and out of the branches; we elect a president or "papa" so to speak from the executive branch. The family of America elected George W. Bush to play the "papa" role.

The other week, Hugo Chavez, Venezuela elected president, stood on American soil and insulted without end our "papa-George W. Bush." He stood on the ground where the children of America pay taxes among many financial and moral obligation to support this great nation and called our leader a "Devil."

This South American potentate who is known as a killer, an autocrat and whose countrymen who speaks out being subject to death had the parts of a brass monkey to go into Harlem of New York among poor Latinos and blacks. While there in a church he use the "sign of the cross" while talking about President Bush and promised them relief from their ills as if he was Jehovah-Yahweh and our president was the Evil One.

What is the meaning of the word "devil?" In Christian theology, the devil is the chief spirit of evil, master of hell, and enemy of God. A second grammatical meaning of the word is an evil demon, esp. a sub-ordinate of Satan. A third grammatical meaning is an evil-intentional or wicked person; malefactor (one who commits a crime or does evil, criminal or wrongdoer).

If you did not vote for George W. Bush to be president or do not like his policies are the like you still should be offended by another leader having the gall to stand on American soil and disrespect our leader. Blacks in America should have grown up by now and have enough sense not to become subservient to some piece of "pie in the sky leader" from a third world country. Nothing in this world is free. Everything comes at a price. I am sure Hugo Chavez would exchange places with George W. Bush in a heartbeat. More than likely if Chavez was in George Bush's place, blacks and Latinos he is giving heating oil would become "monkeys" like the outgoing president of Mexico thinks of blacks presently.

If it is of worth to note to the readers of this article that Chavez has said, "The worst genocidal leader in the history of humanity is the President of the United States. Hitler would be like a suckling baby next to George W. Bush...He is a terrorist, a drunkard and a donkey."

Chavez has stated, "Capitalism is barbarism."

"This model, the so called American way of life, the extreme capitalism, is not sustainable, life on this planet will come to an end if we continue down this road, that is why we are motivated to seek socialism and abandon capitalism, the individualism, the selfish consumerism, the so called destructive development that is destroying this planet, we are all in danger, and no so much us, our children and grandchildren."

Chavez also said, "We are against America, the imperialist. We don't accept its hegemony (the social, cultural, ideological or economic influence exerted by a dominant group). The whole world should unite against America."

Miguel Perez, an analyst on CNN said he was ashamed because Chavez was Hispanic. A close study reveals Chavez is a mixed of Amerindian (American Indian), African and Spanish descent. Hello, Harlem New York!

Chavez needs to understand that America is a family and George Bush is our leader whether he likes it or not. Those leaders in Harlem should understand if this country and its leaders are falling short of a standard what is satisfactory, please leave and go somewhere that is better than America. There is not a country in the world that is perfect including the United States. However, no COUNTRY is better, yesterday, today than with PRO-

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In a closing thought, we have been set free from the shackles of sin. Let us bury our shackles and move forward in Christ. A perfect

time to do so is today. May God, through the precious Holy Spirit, bless each of you in your walk with Christ.

This word has empowered us to move from the past, knowing we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. **Let's roll, Saints, in Power!**

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 24, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Luella Harris in charge. Sister Harris taught the morning lesson, and Pastor Canady reviewed the lesson. The morning lesson was entitled "Making Life's Choices." The scripture text was Joshua 24:1; 14-24. It was a very inspiring lesson, and it was taught well. It made us aware of the many false idols people today are still worshipping such as money and others.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church worship hour got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge of the morning devotions.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their souls. It is always good to praise God through songs of praise.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful message. His subject was "Stay On Board!" His scripture text was The Acts 27:30-31. It was just wonderful to hear the preach word from our dedicated pastor.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in citizens. Also, please remember those who have lost loved ones. God is able!

Our Thought For The Week: "Let no thought linger in your mind that you would be ashamed to let out of your mouth."

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Owens refutes reports of suicide attempt, works out with team

DALLAS - Flamboyant Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens said "there was no suicide attempt," explaining that he mixed painkillers with supplements and became groggy.

He said Wednesday in a news conference at team headquarters that the confusion over his condition likely stemmed from an empty bottle found by his publicist, who was with him at the time. He said the rest of the pills were in a drawer.

Owens caught a few passes at team headquarters Wednesday afternoon, hours after the release of a police report saying he tried to kill himself the night before by overdosing on pain medication.

A confusing series of events swirled around T.O. with few answers.

Police and fire officials held news conferences to say they couldn't talk because of privacy issues. Owens planned to talk publicly at team headquarters later Wednesday.

Dallas coach Bill Parcells said he didn't know any details, other than it was "apparently an unfortunate set of circumstances." He said it was too early to tell whether Owens might be able to practice this week or even play Sunday against Tennessee.

"I don't have enough information yet," he said. "I wouldn't (decide) anything right now. I'm talking with a good deal of ignorance on the subject."

Parcells said he had not spoken with Owens, but had discussed the case for a few minutes with team owner Jerry Jones.

"I think he felt the same way," Parcells said. "We just need to figure out what's going on."

After getting almost strictly Owens-related questions, Parcells cut off his usual 25-30 minute session after only nine minutes. He ended it by getting up from his chair and saying, "When I find out what the hell is going on, you will know. Until then, I'm not getting interrogated for no reason." The series of events began a little before 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Owens' publicist, Kim Etheredge, said she was at Owens' home when he took pain medicine for his broken right hand. Concerned by how he began acting, Etheredge said in various interviews Wednesday with Dallas-area media that she called 911. Owens was taken to a hospital, with Etheredge saying it was an allergic reaction to the medicine.

But early Wednesday, several media outlets received a police report - that had yet to be released by the authorities - saying Owens had attempted suicide by overdosing on the painkillers, even putting two more pills into his mouth after an unidentified friend intervened.

The police document, first reported by WFAA-TV, said Owens was asked by rescue workers "if he was attempting

to harm himself, at which time (he) stated, 'Yes.'"

When officially released by police, about half the document was blacked out, including the



Terrell Owens

phrases "attempting suicide by prescription pain medication" and "a drug overdose," as well as the details of Owens having two pills pried from his mouth and Owens saying "Yes" when asked if he intended to harm himself.

Etheredge, who said she was the friend cited in the police document, told Dallas-area media Wednesday that the police got the story wrong.

The tape of the 911 call could help clear things up. The Associated Press filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act to get its contents, but fire department officials said it would not be available before late Wednesday.

Etheredge did not immediately respond to repeated calls and e-mails from The Associated Press. She, former Cowboys player Deion Sanders and agent Drew Rosenhaus were with Owens at his home and presumably he was joining him at team headquarters.

Police J.T. Rick Watson said during a brief news conference that he could only confirm paramedics called police to say they were taking Owens to the hospital. He said no more details would come from the police because no laws were broken.

"This is a high-profile person. We looked into it, and we determined it is not a criminal offense," Watson said. "This is a medical type of situation that occurred."

At the police news conference, Watson released the version of the police narrative with certain sections blacked out. The full report was obtained by several news outlets and reported first by WFAA. The AP received the full version from WFAA.

The friend, who is not identified in the report but who Etheredge later said is her, "noticed that (his) prescription pain medication was empty and

observed (Owens) putting two pills in his mouth," the police report said. The friend attempted to pry them out with her fingers.

The report also said the friend told rescue workers that a prescription for 40 pills was filled on Sept. 18, and that Owens "had only taken five pills up to this date."

According to the police report, Dallas Fire and Rescue was called Tuesday evening regarding someone "attempting suicide by prescription pain medication." Officers arrived to find Owens being stabilized by ambulance workers, who then took him to Baylor University Medical Center, where the police report said he was treated "for a drug overdose."

Owens, one of the league's top receivers during his 11-year NFL career, is best known for wild stunts on the field and other publicity-seeking antics off it.

When the Cowboys signed him to a \$25 million, three-year deal in March, they said their background checks indicated no red flags. In fact, team consultant Calvin Hill - who mostly deals with troubled players - said during training camp that his department was not involved with Owens because he didn't have a history of those kinds of problems.

He missed most of training camp, and three of four preseason games, because of a hamstring injury. He was late for work during his recovery and was fined for it, but Owens laughed it off, saying he overslept. He said it had happened before, though not with Dallas, and would probably happen again.

Owens broke the bone leading to his right ring finger during a game a week ago Sunday. The next day, doctors screwed in a plate so the bone could heal without fear of further damage. Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said last week that the pain medicine made Owens ill.

Owens had not practiced since the injury, but because Dallas had a bye this past weekend he did not miss a game. He was expected to practice Wednesday, and Parcells had said there was a chance Owens could play Sunday.

Owens had been especially looking forward to the Cowboys' game after that - Oct. 8, in Philadelphia, against the team that dumped him midway through last season only months after he helped them nearly win the Super Bowl.

Owens was seen laughing and joking on the practice field Tuesday morning. He chatted briefly with reporters in the locker room in the afternoon

and seemed fine. A 2-inch scar on the top of his hand was puffy but not wrapped, and he said the swelling was going down.

While in the locker room, he took a pill from a white paper bag and looked at another medicine bottle that was in the bag. He also called a business partner about a towel-wrap venture they're starting and joked to TV cameras that he wasn't talking until Wednesday and today was only Tuesday.

"My little boy knows better than that," he said, laughing, as he plopped onto a sofa in the middle of the locker room.

Also Tuesday, Owens was involved in launching a national campaign for the National Alliance to End Abuse, an organization aimed at helping at-risk youngsters. He appeared at a high school Tuesday morning and was scheduled to visit others but had to cancel because of changes in the team's practice schedule.

Owens has played two games for the Cowboys, catching nine passes for 99 yards and a touchdown.

Owens, already a top receiver with the San Francisco 49ers, burst to prominence in 2000 for his celebration of two touchdowns on the star logo at midfield of Texas Stadium in a game against the Cowboys. A Dallas player blind-sided him after the second one.

The legend of T.O. grew when he celebrated another

touchdown by pulling a Sharpie from his sock and autographing the ball in a 49ers game at Seattle. He's also borrowed a cheerleader's pom-poms, done sit-ups on his driveway before TV cameras and mocked Ravens tough guy Ray Lewis' celebration in a game against Baltimore.

Before a Monday night game against Dallas in 2004, Owens took part in a risqué promotional stunt with one of ABC's "Desperate Housewives" that later prompted an apology from the net-

work.

Owens was heavily praised while with the Eagles for playing well in the February 2005 Super Bowl, seven weeks after ankle surgery. However, his relationship with quarterback Donovan McNabb deteriorated soon after and the organization suspended him in midseason and later got rid of him amid contract complaints and other personality squabbles. Team owner Jeffrey Lurie said later that, even with the Super Bowl trip, he regretted having ever signed Owens.

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NFL's mental problem: Teams can't deal with players' psychological issues

The NFL never has had much luck in dealing with players with psychological, or to make it stronger, with, psychiatric problems. Then again, the NFL is not in the medical health business. It's in the image business, and when, say, a Barret Robbins or a Dimitrios Underwood or an Alonzo Spellman ... or in this case, a Terrell Owens ... comes along, the league is fairly helpless.

We're still gathering facts about T.O.'s latest. A genuine suicide attempt, a call for help, for attention? No one knows right now, but one thing is clear and has been for quite a while. There are major psychiatric issues with this man, and no one quite knows how to deal with them.

I wrote this last year, when T.O. was stirring things up with the Eagles, concerning his contract. A team official told me: the whole matter could have been worked out quietly if T.O. hadn't raised such a fuss about it. "If he would have come in quietly, without all this

commotion, we could have come to an agreement. We were prepared. We didn't feel his demand was unreasonable, given the way he came back from his injury last year and the great Super Bowl he had. But when a guy puts a gun to your head, you're only creating more problems if you cave in."

But that wasn't, and isn't, T.O.'s way. Status quo drives him wild. It's as if he can't stand peace and stability. He has to be doing something to create a stir, make waves, getting people fired up, arranging stunts to capture the attention of the press one moment, shutting them down and telling them, "I'm not talking," the next. He is driven. His mood swings are extreme.

Call it a form of bi-polar disorder, borderline schizophrenia, whatever. I'm not a psychiatrist, so I can't put a name to it. But I've had a longtime relationship with psychiatric problems because of a close relative who has had them, and I've seen quite a few people like T.O.

It's tough to feel sorry for him, though, because he has a mean streak to go with everything else. He didn't attack Donovan McNabb or offensive coach Brad Childress until they were at their lowest ebb, at their most vulnerable. Same thing with his quarterback in San Francisco, Jeff Garcia. But that doesn't mean that he's not suffering from something that never really gets addressed.

Spellman and Underwood were both first-round draft choices and defensive linemen. Both were diagnosed with major psychiatric disorders. Underwood didn't stay on his prescribed medication for any decent period. He never played in a regular season game. Spellman, who was more careful about taking his meds, had a decent career but never lasted in football past his 20s.

Robbins, a Raiders center, was scheduled to start in Super Bowl XXXVIII against the Buccaneers, but on Friday night before the game he flipped out and never set foot on a field again. He was diagnosed as

bi-polar, compounded with alcohol problems. He admitted that he had major troubles when he went off his meds. He has been in and out of trouble with the law ever since.

Mike Tyson long has been suspected of having serious psychiatric problems. The mood swings, the ferocious behavior at times, contrasted with periods of almost serene reflection. He admitted that he took medication for depression, "and other stuff," but that's as far as he'd go.

The problem with high-profile athletes, such as Tyson and the NFL linemen cited above, is that their meds, while controlling for the most part their psychiatric problems, take a little off their physical prowess. For an athlete who has trained all his life to achieve a certain peak, it's devastating to subject himself to something that will deprive him of that slightest little edge.

This is especially true in performers of explosive types of sports, such as football or boxing. It also applies to artists and musicians, creative people who feel that the meds have a slightly dulling effect. I once asked a psychiatrist, "Which would everyone have preferred, a highly medicated, fully stabilized Vincent Van Gogh, or the Van Gogh of Starry Night?" He admitted to me that the psychiatric community has problems dealing with exceptional people.

Football players at the highest level develop a sense of invincibility, or at least superiority to ordinary citizens. I remember talking to Lawrence Taylor after he bolted

from a drug rehab program, which could be compared, in a sense, to psychiatric rehab.

"Definitely not for me," he said. "You'd go into one of those group sessions, and all these losers would be sitting around, and then they'd call on, say, Mrs. Smith and ask her, 'Tell us about your day?' What the

hell did I care about her day?"

I'm convinced that T.O. is really in need of treatment right now. Of course, then he might not be the No. 81 you see flashing across your screen on Sundays. But at least we wouldn't have to worry about whether he swallowed handfuls of pain killers.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

WELL DESERVED SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY! THIS N THAT observed a very emotional SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY last Saturday afternoon at the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls' Club. It was for one our own dedicated retired educators, **SISTER DOROTHY PHEA-NORVILLE**. It was her 72ND BIRTHDAY. Present at the affair were her children **GREG, ANGIE & THEODORIA** and four of her six grandchildren. It was an outstanding afternoon and all present had an opportunity to fellowship with their friends and co-workers. But what stands out in the opinion of THIS N THAT, is to attend a family event and observe the concern for each other. It's always a great thing when family comes together and gives appreciation for other family members. This is what took place last Saturday afternoon, where more than 100 PERSONS were in attendance. THIS N THAT wants the children and grandchildren of **SISTER DOROTHY PHEA-NORVILLE** to know that **GOD** has observed what you did and what you have done in the past. Of course, there are many other families who do the same but last Saturday was a most deserving event.

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Think About It! It has to be for us and by us

by Eddie P. Richardson

For our long denied communities to become the self sustaining marketplace, the leadership and initiative must come from us. Within the community in order to become what it should be, the leadership must come from within the community by us for us.

For too long, we have sat around on our behinds waiting for someone else to do for us what we must do for ourselves. We are waiting for the U. S. Government to take us by the hand or some white folks to lead us forward. While on the other hand, we are moaning and groaning about the white man to get off our backs.

Our young people need to see more role models who they can relate to in our communities. Role models as Black firemen, Black plumbers, Black businessmen, and Black policemen need to be seen by our Black boys. They need to see these kinds of role models. The role models do not have to be an athlete or entertainers as so many of them are bad role models, which already have too much influence over our

young people.

Role models can and should be people they see every working day, earning a decent wage, and have a good family life setting a good example. This is seen in being a good school custodian, the cafeteria worker, family and neighbor church and community people. Many of our young boys do not have a male role model in their home. Our young Black boys need to see more daily role models who look like them. Teachers in elementary schools are saying it takes a village to raise a child. That may have been true at one time, but not now. In a lot of cases, if a neighbor or an adult try to guide a child in the right direction on many times, they encounter an unpleasant parent.

Overall, we must do for ourselves what we have depended on others to do for us. For us to be competitive with our goods and services at the marketplace, the leadership must come from us and we have to be competitive, good and professional because the cost is too high. The stakes are too high for us to

expect others to support us just because we are Blacks giving influence services. We must be competitive and first class. On the other hand, we should not trade with them because they are Black. With the old attitude, the white man's ice is colder and his sugar is sweeter. We must, we should support each other when ever possible. On the other hand, we must always give first class service.

We must also educate our dollars and support those who support our community. No matter the color of their skin, if they support our community, support them. If they do not support our community and only get our money and take it across town, we must teach our dollars to not be given to them.

Closing Thought: "Like life, racial understanding is not something that we find, but something we must create. And so the ability of Negroes and Whites to work together, to understand each other, will not be found, ready made; it must be created by the fact of contact." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock awarded \$63,114

Austin - The Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation has announced its 2006-2007 grants totaling \$17.8 million to be distributed to 37 legal aid organizations throughout Texas. The Foundation's grant year runs September 1 through August 31.

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock will receive \$63,114. In addition to Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation has awarded \$3,640,402 to Arlington-based Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas. Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas is the primary provider of legal aid for the Northwest Texas Service Area, which is composed of 114 counties, including Lubbock, Midland, Potter and Tom Green. Austin-based Advocacy, Inc. will receive \$112,107 to provide legal assistance to people with disabilities in Northwest Texas, including Lubbock County. Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas and Advocacy, Inc. have offices in Lubbock.

Each year, Texas legal aid organizations help about 100,000 low-income individuals with their civil legal needs. Grants from the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation help legal aid organizations provide free legal advice and representation to low-income Texans with civil legal problems, such as landlord-tenant issues, family law matters and consumer issues. In 2005, legal aid groups closed more than 7,000 cases related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Unlike the criminal justice sys-

tem, indigent Texans facing civil legal problems are not guaranteed an attorney. According to a recent U.S. Census Bureau report, Texas is the fifth poorest state in the country, with more than 17 percent of Texans living in poverty. Many of these individuals will have a civil legal problem at some point.

"The organizations funded by the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation are the only hope for so many low-income people to resolve their legal problems," Lisa Melton, the Foundation's director of grants, stated. "I have the opportunity to spend time in these programs and see the work they are doing and hear about the positive impact they are having on people's lives. The opportunity to witness the work of outstanding staff attorneys, pro bono lawyers and program advocates is what gives meaning to my work at the Foundation."

To qualify for legal aid, an individual cannot earn more than \$12,250 per year. A family of four must earn less than \$25,000 per year.

For a complete list of 2006-2007 grant awards, go to www.teajf.org.

The Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, created by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1984, is the largest state-based funding source for the provision of civil legal aid in Texas. The organization is committed to the vision that all Texans will have equal access to justice, regardless of their income. The Foundation administers a variety of funding sources, which are earmarked to assist nonprofit organizations in providing legal aid to approximately 100,000 Texans each year.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Public schools are now requiring graduating seniors to have earned a certain number of Carnegie Units in order to graduate. Some public schools are not permitting eighth graders who do not pass the required state examination to be promoted to ninth grade. It is a must that students master Reading and Mathematics on the eight grade level before they can be considered high school educable.

Many students who feel that they will not really master high school academic courses are dropping out of the regular curriculum to enroll in 'Votec' (vocational/technical schools) classes and GED (General Equivalency Diploma) classes. Many of these young people have the ability to study and earn a high school diploma, but have social reasons why they would prefer to take the 'Votec'

or GED route to obtaining a high school diploma.

One social reason for taking the Pre-GED/GED route for students under seventeen years of age is the fact that they would probably be suspended until their eighteenth birthday, anyway, because of their behavior while attending regular classes. The classes in an alternative program are probably smaller making it easier for one to discipline himself and perhaps concentrate on the job at hand.

Another social reason why students go the alternative route rather than the regular track is to prevent parents from being fined when their children are not in school. Some states will even lock the parents up when arrested for student non-attendance at school.

Another reason for the alternative route lies in a long tradition of beliefs that one ethnic group is smarter than another and not capable of teaching adequately. The risk of having a child in a school where he is a member of the minority group is just purely unbearable.

Though unbearable, the child needs to go to school and parents need to stay out of jail, but they cannot afford to put their children in a private school because the fees are untoward and they are not qualified to do home schooling.

Some parents try home schooling until they realize that their child must pass a state administered test before graduation, and having only a high school education themselves or less, see the futility of their efforts. They then circle back to the alternative route in a public school which is also free public school education but somewhat in an isolated kind of way from the general public.

The basic lie is that many of these choices are racially motivated. We must get 'in cinque' and realize that racism has to be eradicated if this country is to survive. We can look back on the history of this country's racism based on color and that of Iraq based on religion, and realize why it is not healthy any way you look at it.



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Prior to the 1970s, only a handful of major U.S. white fraternal associations were willing to accept African Americans as members. African Americans invariably protested the hypocrisy of racist exclusion by white fraternal orders. Protests proved to little avail, however, forcing African Americans to organize parallel orders of their own. In this series of articles, drawn from the book, *What a Mighty Power We Can Be: African American Fraternal Groups and the Struggle for Racial Equality* by Theda Skocpol, Marshall Ganz, and Arjane Liazos, we visit the histories of some of the major African American fraternal orders.

Article 1 Prince Hall Masons

The Prince Hall Masons were the first African American fraternal order. This group was founded at the birth of the nation by a remarkable West Indian immigrant who became a clergyman serving a prosperous church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1775, Prince Hall apprenticed with the British military lodge of Masons in Boston and soon became a Master Mason along with fourteen other African Americans.

Hall and his associates requested, and were denied, a Masonic charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. But in

1782, Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a charter, which was delivered in 1787, launching what would eventually evolve into a vast order.

Until the 1820s, Prince Hall Masonry was centered in New England and Pennsylvania, but it soon spread southeast and into the Midwest and West. By 1865, there were more than 2,700 Prince Hall Masons meeting under the jurisdiction of 23 grand lodges. By the early 1900s, their numbers had swelled to over 117,000 members meeting in 2,575 lodges.

And this was just the beginning, because Prince Hall Masonry saw an explosion in membership between 1900 and 1930. The Great Depression con-

tributed to declining memberships in the 1930s, but membership revived and reached new heights in the mid-1950s. Since then the number of Prince Hall Masons has remained persistently in the 250,000 to 300,000 range.

Although its growth in the early twentieth century was impressive and men of many occupational backgrounds were accepted, the Prince Hall Masons always remained the most socially selective of the major African American orders. The organization has traditionally stressed black heritage and the assertion of civic leadership and counts among its members prominent African American leaders like Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, and Andrew Young.

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- Tortoise's competitor
- Strong desire
- The Great Emancipator's birthplace
- Often used to describe a sports fan
- Roman Emperor notorious for fantastic luxury
- African predator famous for its "laugh"
- Trick or treat!
- Badly or ill
- In the past
- NFL quarterback Peyton's brother
- Fall's predecessor
- Conundrums
- Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
- Convert ordinary language into Morse, e.g.
- Jon Stewart's role at last year's Oscars
- Gang's territories
- Short for August
- Monument commemorating Buddha
- Lowest female singing voice
- Affirms to be true
- Rest in peace
- Employee cut-backs
- Satisfy thirst
- Vietnamese New Year
- Frighten away
- Priests' robes
- Played again and again
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- Cain's brother
- Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
- California's autumn Santa _____ winds
- Not affected by wear
- Popular cold-weather food
- S-shaped moldings
- Compass point between E and NE
- Adjective derived from sets
- Lobe at back of palate
- Ernest Borgnine character and movie of same name
- "On the _____ of your seat"
- Grieve
- Gelatin
- Short for staphylococcus
- A. L. Webber musical
- "Down and _____"
- Autumn sport
- Dangerous movie trick
- Asterisk
- Popular autumn fruit, often considered vegetable
- Comedian who entertained Olivia in "Twelfth Night"
- Engraver
- Rowdy or mischievous person
- Cordial disposition
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