

An African-American Newsletter



The story began in 1968, behind the walls of Trenton State Prison, when a young Reginald Haynes started a singing group. Little did he know then that the group that he named The Escorts would become a legend in their own right?

Following his first love, singing, Reginald sought out three other inmates who shared his view of prison life and his lust for singing. Out of this grew what was later to be recorded as a history – making event. The Escorts were born and a Cinderella story began to unfold.

Two years later, in 1970 The Escorts were doing what they did best. Performing on stage at the infamous Rahway State Prison as prison Officials, prison guards, visitors and hardcore inmates cheered, stomped, clapped. Little did they know that the late, great Linda Jones (HYPNOTIZE), sister to one of their fellow inmates, was sitting in the audience accompanied by her producer/manager George Kerr. Kerr who was a veteran from the stable of Berry Gordy Jr. and the early motown days was in his own words, “shocked and amazed to find this type of raw, pulsating talent.

On April 23, 1973 The Escorts recorded their first album “All We Need Is Another Chance.” The event received mass media coverage – world wide and was hailed with phenomenal applause and respect.

On June 20, 1973 Reginald Haynes was released from Rahway State Prison. In the spring of 1974 The Escorts recorded a second album “3 Down & 4 To Go” Then in 1975 Reginald decided to

develop a different side of his creativity as a solo career. In 1977 while in the midst of promoting his solo career, he was arrested for a crime he did not do. The battle finally ended in August 1983.

The “Prophet of Love and Song” was back and better than ever.

In 1988 he recorded and produced his own album “On The Wings of Love.” But he couldn’t forget the group he gave life to. The Escorts. After being separated for many years George Kerr and Reginald put the group back together. Time and the various tolls of life made it impossible to revive The Old Escorts. Reginald began to search for new Escorts.

The Legendary Escorts, La’Grant Harris, William “Billy” Martin and Reginald Prophet Haynes thank their fans and friends all over the world for giving them so much love and support for over 25 years now and they ask you to continue to. Please increase the peace, because love is truly where its at.

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**HAPPY
EASTER**

Easter is the holiest and most joyful day of the Christian year.

Worshippers feel the spirit as they celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Ancient tradition

holds that on this day, the sun jumps for joy as it rises on Easter morning.

According to the Gospel of St. Luke, early on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and her companions visited the cave where Jesus had been buried. To their astonishment, they found the tomb was empty. An angel of the Lord appeared and told them that Jesus had risen.

In the following days, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples, who were beginning to understand the full meaning of His death. It was that Jesus had

died for the sins of mankind. His victory over death offered the promise of rebirth for everyone who believes in Him.



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The earth will continue to regenerate its life sources only as long as we and all the peoples of the world do our part to conserve its natural resources. It is a responsibility which every human being shares. Through voluntary action, each of us can join in

building a productive land in harmony with nature.

President Gerald Ford

(An Earth Day Proclamation)



April 22, 2006

National Volunteer Week is April 23-29

Volunteers honored, more needed In your busy life, you don't have much extra time, but consider this:

If you have five minutes, you could place a friendly phone call to an elderly shut-in.

If you have one hour, you could give blood.

If you have a couple of hours a week, you could sort food at a food bank.

If you have five hours, you could help to clean up a city park.

If you have five days, you could build homes for Habitat for Humanity or other housing groups.

When considering where to volunteer a few hours of your time, decide what organizations interest you, what skills you have to offer, or whether you want to learn something new.

Start with a few hours before making a commitment. See if you like it.

Don't be surprised if you are asked to interview before starting or to fill out an application. Nonprofits have questions about you and whether you have the skills and commitment

needed.

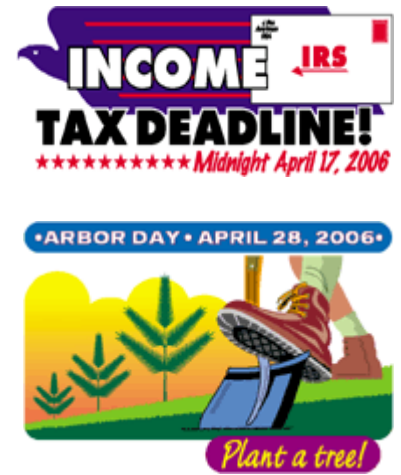
Consider volunteering as a family. It can introduce the family to new skills and experiences and give the family members great shared memories.

Could you be a virtual volunteer? If you have computer skills, you could give free legal advice, type a term paper for a blind student, or simply contact a lonely shut-in who has email. Volunteer opportunities are many. Organizations that need help include schools, halfway houses, community theaters, museums, parks, bands, prisons, shelters, and youth organizations to name just a few areas.



What's Going On In April?

WOW! A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON THIS MONTH.



Hiring spouses of soldiers

A number of big employers are seeking to hire the wives and husbands of those in the armed forces. In partnerships with the military, companies such as Boeing, Trammell Crow, Sears Holdings, Dell, and CVS are improving job opportunities for spouses. The companies are posting jobs on Web sites or setting up resume-sharing systems with military bases.



No money? Buy a house anyway

Owning a home is the American dream, but many apartment dwellers think they can't qualify for home ownership.

Generally, it just isn't so. There are many mortgage companies and government programs that will help them qualify for home ownership. Recent studies show that 43 percent of homes today are bought with nothing down.

A real estate agent can help. Check with one now if you or a family member would like to own a home.

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Any man's life will be filled with
constant and unexpected
encouragement if he makes up his mind
to do his level best each day.

Booker T. Washington

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him
and to let him know that you trust him. **Booker T. Washington**

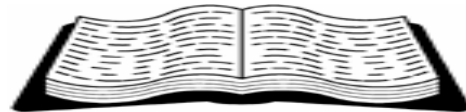


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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



NATIONAL LEADER
1856-1915



Booker T. Washington

Booker T. Washington was a small boy when slavery ended. He worked in the salt mines of West Virginia from four in the morning until late at night to earn enough money for food. He was convinced that education was the key to success. He was determined to learn. He studied by the light of the fire each night after he came home from work.

When he was 15, he left home and entered Hampton Institute. He cleaned buildings and classrooms to pay his college tuition. He wanted to become a teacher. But more important things lay ahead.

In 1881, Booker T. Washington was chosen to head a newly established school for black students called Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. There were two small, wooden buildings and 30 students when he arrived. Under his leadership, Tuskegee grew and became an

important school for black students.

Booker became a leader of his people, too. In 1895, he delivered his famous "Let Down Your Buckets Where You Are" speech at the Cotton States Exposition in Atlanta. He believed that black Americans should learn trades to build up their economic position. He felt this should be done, even before fighting for integration and equality. Some people disagreed with him, especially William E.B. DuBois, But Booker continued to fight in his own way for equality.

Booker T. Washington was born in a slave cabin. But he became one of the most powerful black Americans of his time.

