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Mental Health Services Welcome

Jackie Strong (second from right) is introduced as the new director of adult mental health and addiction services during a traditional Thanksgiving dinner served for the clients and supporters of the LifeWorks Northwest Portland Conquest Center, 3716 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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Singles Party 'Off the Hook'

Another evening planned Dec. 17

A spark was ignited that has yet to die. Portland's first black singles party was off the hook as men and women in the mid-20s on up gathered for an exciting and unpredictable evening.

The gentlemen were well-suited with ties, belts and matching shoes. The women were dressed with the sweetness of honey: pretty, dainty and feminine.

Participants arrived, checked in and scoped the atmosphere for that perfect date. Special activities included speed dating, a series of mini-dates whereby all personal information was withheld including real names.

Each participant kept a scorecard

to rate his or her date a "hit," "miss" or "friend." The results were turned in and favorables were later emailed back to the participants with permission to contact their dates. The participants took it from there.

One flaw of this particular event was that the women outnumbered the men. But the ladies took the disparity in stride. One man described the ratio as "absolutely lovely."

Later, a lock-n-key party gave each male a key and each woman a lock. The assigned task was to find the matching the matching lock or key and win a dance. Something more risqué was originally planned but changed at the last minute. Organizers promise a not-so-innocent variation of the game for Valentine's Day 2005.

Finally, the night ended with a

raffle date of some of Portland's finest black men and black women. Lucky winners were taken to a side room for 15 minutes of conversation, food and drinks. If there was a spark, the prize was a dinner certificate at a local restaurant. And rest assured, there was a spark, at least for one couple.

Overall, participants had an extremely "good time."

PDX Black Singles events require pre-registration. The next singles event titled "Playin' Games" will be held Monday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at the historic Elks Lodge at 6 N. Tillamook St. between Williams and Vancouver.

Singles will be paired for an evening of cards, dominoes and a host of other games.

For more information, contact PDXBlacksingles@yahoo.com.

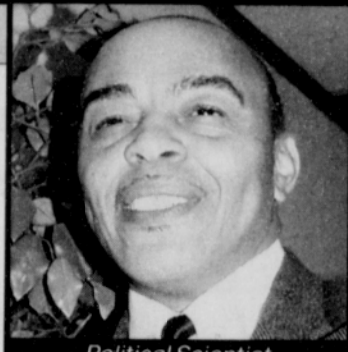
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Isaiah: 49:14 and 15 But Zion said, the Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the Son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

BLACK SPIRITUAL ESSENCE

First and foremost, I must always state my appreciation for the African-American men and women, and all types of good people everywhere who've gone before me. Now our topic for today deals with our core essence and knowledge that reveals social unity that is already in existence. I had the opportunity of having been raised by a very suc-



Political Scientist and Rev. John Pearce

cessful pastor, my father Rev. / Dr. Jim Pearce. I have also been privileged to have been invited by Minister Louis Farrakan to speak during his Million Man March on a platform in downtown Portland. Lastly I have been blessed to have obtained a professional political scientist degree from the historic black college, Florida A&M University.

Case and point, when one reads the 87th psalms of the Holy Bible it will reveal: "His foundation is his holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion ... I will make mention of Rehab (Egypt); and Babylon to them that know me. Behold Philistia (Palestine), Tyre, Ethiopia (Africa); this man was born there."

This is that civilized man of African descent, about 10,000 BC - 500 BC, prior to the European Empires. A Jan. 11, 1988 article titled "In Search of Eve," traced all mankind back to this DNA of the African origin, blond hair blue eyes included- man is one.

Hear Pearce on KKPZ 1330AM dial Sunday mornings at 7 a.m.

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