

Community prepares to tackle difficult issues

MILWAUKEE, WI (AP) —The State of Milwaukee's Black Union (S.O.M.B.U.) was launched recently, and the group hopes to have a profound effect on the city.

"The group started a good four months ago, but you could say it's been in the making for the last two to three years," says Troy Shaw, host of "Focus on Diversity," a weekly program on CBS 58 and WMLW and one of the group's creators.

The recent verdict in the trial of three former police officers charged in the beating of Frank Jude, Jr. has provided the perfect opportunity for the group to get involved.

Shaw, representing S.O.M.B.U., was one of the speakers at an NAACP press conference held in the wake of the not guilty verdicts.

Media personality and author Tavis Smiley inspired Shaw to create S.O.M.B.U. The group uses Smiley's book, "The Covenant," as a basis for its mission. "We're

predominantly using the text of the book to fix some of the problems here in Milwaukee," Shaw says.

There are 10 areas the group is focusing on for Milwaukee: Health care, public education, criminal justice, community-centered policing, affordable housing, voting rights and participation, strengthening rural communities, jobs and economic prosperity, environmental justice and closing the racial digital divide.

Shaw says, "Those are the 10 areas in the book of 'The Covenant.' We're focusing on five different areas for this year and this year alone: education, healthcare, jobs and economic prosperity and, since it's a voting year, looking at voter rights and registration."

But what S.O.M.B.U. needs most, Shaw says, is public participation.

"We need so many people involved. They can participate in our networking events

themselves; (or at) town hall-type meetings," Shaw says.

"The reason why we are having so many events is because we really want to see progress in a real-time fashion. We want to see people stimulated in real time rather than annually."

Shaw says that what he has found is that most Black people are not happy living in Milwaukee, and polls show that Milwaukee is the worst place in America for Blacks to live.

"Milwaukee is so depressed when it comes to Black people," he says.

"It's not just poor people who are not happy living here, but Black professionals as well. They are leaving quickly just as quickly importing them. They don't see hope in this city."

"We want to empower (African-Americans) to enact change in political realm and the social realm and the corporate realm as well. The current Black leadership in

clergy or political or social realm, whatever they've done in the past has failed. Something new has to happen."

S.O.M.B.U. hopes to bring that knowledge to the public sphere through advertising in the media as well as at the networking and town hall events.

The next networking function is April 28. Shaw says that the group expects 200-300 people to attend.

The next town hall meeting is slated for May 25. Shaw has said that more than 200 people attended the first such event.

"We're hoping to increase the number of people who will be involved with this each and every time we do one. We want people to see and understand what we are trying to do," he says.

S.O.M.B.U.'s phone number is (414) 475-3552. The Focus on Diversity Web site is focusondiversity.com.

Your Horoscope Says... April 20 - 26

ARIES

This week is a good week for remembering that without the help of your colleagues it would be impossible for you to expedite the tasks that need to be done. Thank them ahead of time. Thank them graciously and celebrate with them.

Soul Affirmation: Appreciation leads to recognition.

Lucky Numbers: 32, 35, 47

TAURUS

Little by little, you will come to realize that you are too good to be second choice. This week don't even think about why your recent romance failed. It wasn't meant to be. There are many more fish in the sea ready for you to hook them. Go for it!

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 19, 20

GEMINI

Offer a shoulder to cry on to someone you know that has been going through some difficulty. They need a friend right now, and you can be that person. Listen and don't speak. Your sensitivity and compassion will mean a lot right now.

Soul Affirmation: Newness of outlook helps me deal with the monotony of life.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 34, 36

CANCER

Understand that not everyone is as gifted as you are in communication, so be patient with others. Some may feel they are unable to approach you because they feel intimidated. Don't make others feel standoffish by the way you respond to their questions.

Soul Affirmation: He who asks might seem foolish for a while. He

who doesn't ask may remain a fool forever.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 25, 29

LEO

Share in the glory of your friend who has been recognized for outstanding work. Plan a small get-together to celebrate the occasion. Your time will come, and you will be placed on the pedestal. Watch out for a new romance that might come along.

Soul Affirmation: Someone wonderful is looking to find me.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 26, 35

VIRGO

Make a move towards that someone that you've had your eye on! The timing couldn't be more perfect! Go slow and be subtly sweet. Your ability to charm and attract always works in your favor. Don't abuse it! Show off a new attitude.

Soul Affirmation: I let myself be the cheerful me.

Lucky Numbers: 34, 39, 46

LIBRA

People can get on your nerves, can't they? And this week is one of those weeks. Getting through it will be a test. You can get the highest grade on the test by smiling at the stupidity of those who oppose you. They don't know any better and this week you can't teach them.

Soul Affirmation: The winner is me. I smile for the cameras.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 28, 29

SCORPIO

A secret may be revealed in a casual conversation. Your confidence is valued and appreciated. Take it all in! There's no returning to what has been once you realize the gift you've been given.

Soul Affirmation: Freedom of mind

is the greatest gift for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 22, 36

SAGITTARIUS

Drive the speed limit in all things this week or you could wind up with a ticket of some kind. Why rush? Serenity is available if you only stop and listen for it inside of you. Discharge your usual obligations with dignity and count your blessings.

Soul Affirmation: I obey the rules this week and avoid hassles.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 24, 35

CAPRICORN

Slow down and relax your brain-energies! The universe knows how to take care of itself and of you. Give it a chance by getting your mental schemes out of the way. Sometimes it is hard but trust!

Soul Affirmation: I let my luck work for me.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 27, 34

AQUARIUS

A friend from the past could suddenly appear in your life. This could be a highly beneficial reunion for both of you. Let bygones be bygones, and renew this friendship. Love isn't used up just because it's shared with many.

Soul Affirmation: I love many people this week.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 40, 45

PISCES

Be open to a new friendship that could bring public recognition, a new assignment, or a raise in income. You'll also be pleased with romantic vibes that come from far away. Call! Someone special is waiting to hear from you.

Soul Affirmation: Distant love is sometimes sweeter.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 30, 55

MANAGER OF EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION

City of Henderson, Nevada
\$77,912 - 122,730 annually

This manager functions as a team leader for the division and must be able to foster collaborative relationships inside and outside the department. Must have ability to create recruitment strategies, selection procedures, and classification studies for all positions. Must feel comfortable presenting to large groups and to the executive team. The City of Henderson currently employs 1,688 full-time and 1,128 part-time employees.

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in human resources, public or business administration, organization or industrial psychology or closely related field and ten years experience in a full-service human resources department, five of which were at the supervisory level and five of which were in the area of employment and compensation, OR an equivalent combination of closely related training and experience. Desirable qualifications: Masters Degree, SPHR, or IPMA-HRCP.

SELECTION: A committee will evaluate employment applications and resumes. The best-qualified candidates will be invited to participate in an assessment process.

TO APPLY: Access employment application through our website at www.cityofhenderson.com/hr and submit electronically following the on-line links. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of applications. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2006. Phone 702-267-1940. FAX: 702-267-1901
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Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada will hold a Public Hearing to solicit comments on the revision to the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas' Agency Plan, FY 2007 Annual Plan Update. The Public Hearing will be held at:

Howard W. Cannon Center
340 North 11th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
On June 9, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

The Plan will be available at the Howard W. Cannon Center, Finance Manager's Office, 340 North 11th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101 starting April 17, 2006 if you wish to comment on this Amendment, require additional information, and/or need special accommodations, please call 922-6835. Written comments will be accepted from April 17, 2006 through June 9, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the above address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS/ IDR BONDS FY 2006 ALLOCATION

The city of Las Vegas announces the availability of approximately \$82,445,910 of Private Activity Bonds/Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (bond cap/tax exempt financing) to further affordable housing and economic development within its jurisdictional boundaries. This public notice is an invitation to developers to submit an application for affordable multi-family housing development projects and/or economic development projects.

The projects must consist of either 20% of rental units targeted for individuals and families at or below 50% of median income or 40% of rental units targeted for individuals and families at or below 60% of median income. Further details and maps are available with the application package.

Economic development projects shall include any type of economic development activity and manufacturing activities throughout the city of Las Vegas.

The City intends to use one-half of its volume cap for affordable housing development, and one-half for economic development; however, if sufficient applications are not received for economic development, the City's next priority would be to use the total volume cap for multi-family housing.

All applications must be filed with the City's Neighborhood Services Department, accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$750.00. The acceptance of an application by the City does not commit the City to issue a resolution transferring volume cap to the project.

Applications and a copy of the policy and guidelines are available beginning Monday, April 24, 2006, from:

City of Las Vegas
Neighborhood Services Department
2nd Floor, 400 Stewart Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Questions concerning the application may be directed to Leonard Dixon at 229-2120. The city's TDD Number is (702) 386-9108.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS
IS JULY 7, 2006, BY 4:00 P.M.

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