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Dear President Bush,

I want to thank you on behalf of the Naval Academy Class of 1966 for your very kind and heartwarming letter. Our Fortieth reunion will have even greater significance thanks to your words. We will have a special page in our yearbook for your letter so all our classmates can take renewed pride in what they done in service to our country.

I also want to let you know that so many of us are praying for your success in the face of some very daunting and quite complex challenges. We have confidence in you, your integrity, and your unwavering commitment to the welfare of our nation. Our country is in good hands with you at the helm. May God bless you and your family.

Very respectfully,

Michael D. Hagee
VADM USN (Ret)
USNA Distinguished Leadership Chair
February 21, 2006

I send greetings to those gathered for the 40th reunion of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1966.

For more than 150 years, graduates of the United States Naval Academy have built a tradition of honorable and faithful service to our country. In the 40 years since you last trained as midshipmen, you have served our Nation with valor and distinction as part of the greatest force for freedom in the history of the world. You continue to set a lasting example of courage for the classes that follow, and America is grateful for your brave service and sacrifice.

I hope this reunion provides a chance for you to renew friendships, share memories, and celebrate achievements. Laura and I send our best wishes for an enjoyable event. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.
May 8, 2006

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of our Chairman, Mr. Bill Marriott, & the entire staff here at the Harbor Beach Resort & Spa, I would like to extend to you a very heartfelt welcome.

We are honored to have you as our guest this evening and sincerely hope that your brief visit to Fort Lauderdale is both productive and enjoyable.

We stand ready to make your visit memorable in all ways possible.

At your Service,

John B. Hearns
Area General Manager
Marriott’s Harbor Beach Resort and Spa
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POTUS - By Hand

Ambassador Donald Crenshaw

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Mr. President,

I wanted to thank you again for taking the time out to visit Hands On Gulf Coast while in Mississippi. It was such an honour to have you here to speak with the volunteers. I had such an amazing time touring and chatting with you that afternoon! Hopefully, our paths will cross again in the future. Best of luck to you.

Always,

Emma Patinkin

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Washington, May 10, 2006

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor of presenting to you the enclosed letter from the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Angela Merkel. A courtesy translation is also enclosed.

I would like to use this occasion to emphasize how much the recent visit of the Chancellor has again enhanced the spirit of close cooperation and friendship between Germany and the United States. Allow me to express the gratitude of the Chancellor’s delegation for the very warm hospitality and the special atmosphere in the White House.

On a personal note, since I so recently became Germany’s Ambassador to the US, this visit was especially important to me, so that I may start to help build upon the positive cooperation that has marked the German-American relationship for so many decades. I very much look forward to contributing to this special and essential relationship.

Respectfully yours,

Klaus Scharioth

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.
Fax: (202) 456-1210
Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Die Bundeskanzlerin


Lieber George,


Unsere Gespräche, auch mit kleinen Kursen, sind eine derartige wichtige Rolle der deutschen-amerikanischen Beziehungen. Ich freue mich sehr, dass Sie uns durch Ihre Unterstützung in den zentralen internationalen Fragen helfen.

Ich freue mich auf unsere nächsten Gespräche und freue mich auf unsere nächsten Gespräche.

Viele Grüße,
Angela Merkel
Translation

The Federal Republic of Germany
The Federal Chancellor

May 9, 2006

(m.p.) Dear Mr. President, dear George:

Now that I have returned home from the US I would like to thank you for your warm hospitality in the White House. I was especially happy to be able to have dinner with you in a personal setting in the White House private rooms.

Our talks, including our private discussions, confirm the intensity and depth of German-American relations. I am very pleased that we agreed so closely on the central international issues.

I am looking forward to meeting you again in July in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania!

Best wishes, also to your wife,

/s/Angela Merkel
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inspiration. I hope that Tom Ford's first stellar contribution will not be his last. I am definitely saving my issue as a collectible item.

NATALIA YEOGOREVA
Portland, Oregon

VANITY FAIR, you are my favorite indulgence, but right now I feel downright dirty. The theme of Tom Ford's Hollywood can be summed up in four words: disembodied female body parts. The cover shot of Ford literally inhabiting a naked, 20-year-old Keira Knightly makes me want to take a shower. The photographs of Jason Schwartzman, Tobey Maguire, and Garth Fisher are disappointing and misogynistic.

EMILY BURLIL
Stanford, California

This month's issue is not an artful, erotic celebration of the female form but a passion to dispose of its and its.

AS A LATE-TWENTY-SOMETHING homosexual male, I am no prude. I find beauty and art in the most unlikely of places, including depictions of nudity and sexuality. Sadly, and for the first time, I am more than overwhelmed with this portfolio, which seemed to do what Hollywood does best: ask women to take their clothes off while the men in suits look on.

Certainly there are some gorgeous photographs, including the ones of Anne Hathaway, Peter Sarsgaard, Jake Gyllenhaal, and Heath Ledger. But it was nice to see Hollywood not act like Hollywood, especially in a magazine as elegant and classy as Vanity Fair.

Please don't get the wrong idea. I love Tom Ford. His instincts generally serve him well, but I believe he was more than out of his element for this issue. I also find it strange that a prominent homosexual male such as Tom Ford would contribute to a system that has, for the most part, only marginalized and manipulated women into revealing scenes under the guise of high art and fashion. None of

POSTSCRIPT

David and Suzanne Speroesteen, builders of L.A.'s most over-the-top house, a $100 million, 45,000-square-foot homage to the royal houses of France, raised a lot of eyebrows when they told their life story to Matt Tyrnauer in April 2002 ("Versailles on the Hudson, Suzanne, a native of Sweden, who, at the time of the article, was probably the world's No. 1 consumer of haute couture and 18th-century furniture, told Tyrnauer about her 40-carat yellow diamond, Louis XV (or possibly XVI) chateau, and "straight-out copy of Marie Antoinette's bed—I mean, as close a copy as you can make, considering hers was not sealed to a kingize." She also revealed how she and David—who made his billions from the helicopter traffic-reporting service Metro Networks—had met: "On an airplane at Logan Airport." David, who had been seated next to Suzanne, confessed to her that he didn't like European women because they were needy. Suzanne disproved the notion by grabbing David's hand and running it "all the way up my leg from my calf up my thigh."

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Nearly seven years after contributing editor Buzz Bissinger wrote about the saga of convicted cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal, "The Famous and the Dead," August 1993, the case continues.

Sentenced to death by a jury in Philadelphia in 1982 after being found guilty of the brutal killing of police officer Daniel Faulkner, Abu-Jamal became a celebrity poster boy for those opposed to the death penalty. The case attracted worldwide attention. Over the years, scores of prominent Hollywood actors, leading writers, musicians, and politicians from as far away as Germany and France have insisted Abu-Jamal was unfairly convicted despite devastating eyewitness testimony against him at his original trial. And while the case attracted some press today, Abu-Jamal fever appears to have peaked. New to the case resembles an American version of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol versus A Christmas Carol: appeal upon appeal, brief upon brief ad infinitum. 

In 2001—19 years after Abu-Jamal's original sentencing—federal judge, in response to a habeas petition filed by Abu-Jamal and his lawyers, threw out his death sentence but upheld his murder conviction, keeping him in prison for life. (Both sides have appealed this decision.) Last December, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals granted Abu-Jamal's, 52, the right to appeal his conviction on several separate issues, including whether or not he was denied his constitutional rights in the prosecution's trial summation and whether there was any judicial bias during post-conviction proceedings. Any finding by the court is at least a year away.

As for the principals involved in the case, the judge who presided over the original trial, Albert Sabo, and who became a lightning rod for criticism by Abu-Jamal supporters for being pro-prosecution and pro-police, has died. Abu-Jamal continues to spend his days in a Pennsylvania prison, frequently writing letters to his "Mumia Abu-Jamal's Freedom Journal" Web site. And Maureen Faulkner, who, nearing 50, has lived half her life without her husband, resides in California and continues to push for Abu-Jamal's execution.

Justice Declined

Abu-Jamal, according to a hearing at which he requested a retrial, 1995
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May 9, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Bush,

I was deeply honored to be Secretary Condoleezza Rice’s guest at your recent luncheon for President Hu Jintao and Madam Liu Yongqing. It was a wonderful affair.

I had made Secretary Rice aware that if the lunch went past 2:30 pm, I would have to depart to meet a most important obligation; the reading of “A Fly Went By” to my 5 year old son Luke’s class at 3:00 pm.

Knowing how important reading to children is to you, I was confident you would understand, and hope you will accept my humble apologies.

The luncheon was a wonderful chance to engage the Chinese Foreign Minister on the subject of educating poor, rural Chinese children, as the Foreign Minister and I were seated at the same table.

My very best regards,

Joseph E. Robert, Jr.
James L. Mayfield  
Senior Pastor

Ann Beaty  
Associate Pastor  
Director of  
Spiritual Nurture Ministries

Ron Campbell  
Associate Pastor  
Director of  
Evangelism and Missions

Barry Fulton  
Associate Pastor  
Director of Music  
Adult Education

Helen Almanza  
Associate Pastor  
Director of  
Legacies of Faith

Vicki Aycock  
Business Administrator

Liby Beck  
Director of Lay Ministries

Olivia Donelson  
Director of  
Senior Adult Ministries

Tanya Huber  
Director of  
Children's Ministries

Patricia (Trish) Perdue  
Director of  
Youth Ministries

Dear Fred:

Several people in the congregation suggested I send this enclosed article to you—saying you might be interested.

Jim
The Rev. Jim Mayfield, 70, has guided the flock at Austin's Tarrytown United Methodist Church for 18 years. His retirement plans: writing, visiting family and friends, and helping solve what he sees as an education crisis.

By Eileen E. Flynn
AMERICAN STATESMAN STAFF

The Rev. Jim Mayfield, pastor of Tarrytown United Methodist Church, has ministered to powerful politicians, including President Bush, fought for literacy and racial equality, and worked to build unity among Austin's varied faith traditions. He's won praise from peers and affection from the Tarrytown flock he's tended for 18 years.

But as he preaches his last sermons and prepares for retirement June 4, the 70-year-old minister is far from complacent.

On a recent morning at his church, Mayfield reflected on the work still left to do and the problems he never managed to solve.

After traveling with his wife, Rila, and visiting their grandchildren, Mayfield plans to devote time to tackling what he sees as the state's education crisis, writing for the church and continuing to conduct seminars on how to be an effective pastor.

His interfaith leadership gave him a kind of 'citywide' pastor status, said Patrick Flood, former director of Austin Metropolitan Ministries, the organization that spawned Austin Area Ministry.

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Interreligious Ministries. “Mayfield would have that capacity to be able to relate to everyone on an individual basis,” Flood said. “He was always very generous, very available.”

The Rev. John McMullen, a longtime friend, said he always admired Mayfield’s dedication to interfaith relations.

“He saw something he felt needed doing and really threw himself into it,” McMullen said.

Imam Safdar Razi, who leads the Islamic Ahlul Bayt Association in Northwest Austin, remembers the important role Interreligious Ministries played in supporting Muslims after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Under Mayfield’s leadership, the organization gathered clerics from different religions to pray on the steps of the Texas Capitol and “helped the Muslim communities a lot by letting people understand that Muslims also condemn the acts of terror and terrorism,” Razi said.

Despite his ability to form friendships and expand the membership of Interreligious Ministries, Mayfield sees the hostilities between liberal and conservative Christians as the “great failure” of his tenure as the organization’s president.

“The great divide in Austin right now is between the moderate-to-liberal group and the conservative group,” he said. “We’ve got to learn how to be civil and respectful of our differences so we can cooperate on those things which we hold in common and which are for the common good.”

Mayfield jokes that he learned early in his career the definition of mediator: “he who gets rocks thrown at him by both sides.”

In the mid-1960s, after he was assigned to a church in Mathis, a small farming town near Corpus Christi, he mediated the entrenched racial tension between Anglo and Hispanic residents and teamed with ministers of other faiths, including Lutheran and Catholic pastors, to educate migrant workers.

His career would take him to Port Lavaca and then Austin, where he served as pastor of Northwest Hills United Methodist Church and as superintendent for the regional church body’s Austin district before settling in at Tarrytown.

Over the years, he employed the writing skills he honed as a University of Texas undergraduate by developing study material for Methodist youth, penning books and composing poems for congregations.

He gained international media attention as the ambivalent congregation’s leader in 2000, when then-Gov. George W. Bush ran for the Oval Office.

“We were one of the few churches that have had the governor (Rick Perry) and the president-elect in the congregation at the same time,” Mayfield said.

Reporters from around the globe wanted him to reveal personal information about Bush.

Though Mayfield has publicly supported causes that run counter to the platforms of his high profile parishioners, he famously disagreed with Bush on the state hate crimes bill and has spoken out against giving students vouchers to attend religious schools — he has managed to sidestep political tension.

Mayfield said he remembers thinking: “I don’t view Governor Bush as Governor Bush, I view him as George Bush, child of God.”

Mayfield was also careful not to include the opposite extreme, publicly excoriating the politicians and business leaders while friends sat captive in his pews.

His first duty is as a pastor, Mayfield says, and as such he would talk to individuals about ethical concerns in private,
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For the Rev. Jim Mayfield, parishioners such as
Wayne Ward are no less important than Gov. Rick
Perry and President Bush, who both have attended
the church in the Tarrytown area of West Austin.

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where they can talk back, rather
than in the sanctuary, where
they can’t. Bush called Mayfield “a good
friend who faithfully led the
congregation at Tarrytown
United Methodist Church.

Laura and I were enriched by
his sermons and are grateful for
his friendship.”

As far as political affiliation
goes, Mayfield’s an indepen-
dent. It suits his desire to find
common ground amid the in-
creasing polarizing rhetoric he
hears from both parties.

Improving the state’s public
education system and cutting
the dropout rate (which he be-
lieves is underreported),

Mayfield said, cannot get lost in
a storm of politics. It will take
greater accountability in the
schools and more resources, he
said.

As the leaves Tarrytown,
Mayfield the mediator is ready
to take the rocks again.
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I have just returned from a few days with Gaby and Mercer and the PACA group in Charleston. I am honored, thrilled and so appreciative to have been appointed to this distinguished committee. It's an accomplished and interesting group and I so look forward to my involvement with the Kennedy Center.

This appointment is certainly adding a new and exciting dimension to my life and I believe that I will be able to make a significant contribution. I sincerely thank you for affording me this opportunity. Please know that I will always

Please send to Mrs. Bush

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be extremely grateful
to both of you and I
won't forget the support
that I have received
from Goby and Mercer.
Mr. President, please
know that there are so
many of us who respect
your strength and fine
leadership.

Most sincerely,

Brittain Barde Cuddip
President and Mrs. George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington,
D.C. 20500
LOUISE W. FLANAGAN

Aug 23, 2006

Dear President Bush,

On behalf of myself and my husband, I write to thank you for the hospitality and that of other members of the Federal Judges Association and our spouses extended to us during our recent White House gathering. The many courtesies extended to us during the visit were greatly appreciated.

It was a great privilege to meet such a remarkable leader as you. Many, including me, were extremely honored to be with you on the occasion of the Eighth Judicial Conference in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Louise Flanagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.
20500
Dear Mr. President!

You spend your life thanking others....
When is the last time someone thanked you? Not just a passing thank you, but
a thank you from the pit of their soul? Well, I want to thank you!
Thank you for being a man of God.
Thanks for the courage + intestinal
fortitude to lead this country during
these challenging times. I've never
been more prouder to put on my uniform
and serve under your command for
this great nation+ world. Many second
guess the war, they have the
right. But don't waiver, what we
are doing is right for the
world and right + just in the
eyes of God. Stay the course
my brother, my favorite president.
You epitomise being a great
American -- thank you -- don't
change -- lead the way!!

CMS+ Mark Long
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