

News at a glance

Faith leaders to raise funds for UNCF

FAIRFAX, Va. — UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's oldest and most successful minority education assistance organization, recently launched its National Faith Campaign at a brunch for faith leaders in Los Angeles.

The Campaign aims to engage and encourage the faith community to support UNCF, minority students, and the 39 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) that belong to UNCF, and to build a robust network of informed advocates for minority education. UNCF expects the new Campaign to raise \$10 million by 2013.

The Faith Campaign's Advisory Council is chaired by Bishop Eddie Long, senior pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist in Lithonia, Ga. The Council also includes the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, a UNCF member institution; Rev. Floyd Flake Sr., Pastor of Allen AME Cathedral of New York and former president of UNCF member institution Wilberforce University; Bishop Vashiti McKenzie of the African Methodist Episcopal Church's Thirteenth Episcopal District in Tennessee and Kentucky; and Bishop Charles Blake of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ of Los Angeles.



Rev. Flake

Lynching postcard sold in Duluth

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — A postcard featuring images of the infamous 1920 Duluth lynching of three black circus workers has been sold at a Canal Park antique shop for \$240.

The owner of the shop, Penny Seehus, says a customer bought the postcard shortly after the shop opened at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7. On the morning of Oct. 7, a story about the postcard appeared in the Duluth News Tribune and the shop took many calls asking if it was still available.

She didn't identify the customer, but she says he said he grew up in Duluth.

The postcard was part of the private collection of Duluth memorabilia that was put on sale after the collector died.

The U.S. Postal Service outlawed mailing postcards of lynchings in 1908, but many were printed after that date and kept as souvenirs.

University wins grant to preserve black music heritage

Indiana University's Archives of African American Music and Culture will forever be part of a project to digitally preserve and make accessible nearly 300 hours of interviews with rhythm and blues pioneers.

The project, named Pioneers of Rhythm and Blues, has received a \$39,230 grant from the Grammy Foundation, which is funded by The Recording Academy. It will utilize the best practices and preservation methods established by the IU Archives of Traditional Music during its NEH-funded Sound Directions project.

The project provides an aural documentation of the history and development of R&B music through the personal narratives of prominent musicians such as Ray Charles, Ruth Brown and Bobby Byrd of James Brown's Famous Flames. It also includes interviews with composers, producers and record company executives from the Atlantic, Stax, Motown and Philadelphia International labels — many of whom, including Jerry Wexler, are now deceased.

"Over the last five years, several of the pioneers and popularizers of various African American popular musical styles have died. It's so important that we capture this legacy using words of artists as much as possible," said Maultsby, also a co-author of the seminal text "African American Music: An Introduction."

There generally is little primary source material in libraries and music archives about the history of black popular music. By digitizing the original recordings and preparing access copies, the AAAMC seeks to preserve its unique interviews with seminal figures in the music industry, while promoting research into the rich legacy of African American musical traditions and, more generally, the black experience in America.

Justice Department seeks to mediate high school race dispute

CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department is offering to mediate a dispute over allegations that football players from a predominantly white high school in Cumberland used racial slurs against a predominantly black team from Washington.

Allegany County schools Superintendent William AuMiller says the federal agency's Community Relations Service aims to set up a meeting next week with athletic directors and head coaches from Fort Hill and Dunbar high schools.

The effort follows Dunbar Coach Craig Jeffries' decision to remove his team from the field in the third quarter of a game at Fort Hill on Sept. 19. Jeffries said he feared the situation would become violent.

Meanwhile, the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is expected to finish its investigation within two weeks.

The Chronicle (USPS 067-910) was established by Ernest H. Pitt and Ndubisi Egemonye in 1974 and is published every Thursday by Winston-Salem Chronicle Publishing Co. Inc., 617 N. Liberty Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101. Periodicals postage paid at Winston-Salem, N.C. Annual subscription price is \$30.72.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Chronicle, P.O. Box 1636 Winston-Salem, NC 27102-1636



Bishop and First Lady Jakes at their The Potter's House Church in Dallas.

Superstar preacher goes international

BY DONNA BRYSON THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — It's time for Americans to look beyond their borders, superstar Texas preacher T.D. Jakes said last Thursday as he prepared to hold his trademark Megafest outside the U.S. for the first time.

The best-selling pastor of Dallas megachurch The Potter's House is throwing his signature event — part religious festival, part self-help fair, part gospel concert — at a convention center near Soweto this weekend.

Jakes debuted the event in Atlanta in 2004 and has drawn hundreds of thousands of people over the years.

He cited the global economic meltdown sparked by America's credit crisis and the Sept. 11 terror attacks as examples of why Americans need to pay more attention to the world and their role in it.

"We can no longer live in corners and just care about ourselves," he told The Associated Press. "Americans are becoming increasingly global-minded. If there were anything positive that came out of 9-11, it's the realization

that we are our brothers' keepers."

Jakes has preached outside the U.S. before, and South Africans at the press conference Thursday quoted from his books. But he's never taken on anything so ambitious as staging a Megafest abroad. For the past year, more than 300 people have worked in the U.S. and South Africa to prepare for the event, in which he said his church had invested \$7 million. Tickets were selling for just 25 rand (\$2.71), and Jakes said he



Bhengu

hoped only to break even.

The U.S. has a tradition of superstar preachers. Jakes is among the best known of today's group, along with Rick Warren of the Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California and Joel Osteen of Lakewood Church in Houston.

Their appeal is testament to the power of two ideas: That spirituality can be a kind of self-help therapy, and

that churches can be more than places to worship, but catalysts for community and political activism.

When Jakes preaches that Jesus died to make us free, and "we are not truly free until we are economically free," he sounds distinctly American. But the sentiment is not foreign to South Africa, where religious leaders like retired Cape Town Archbishop Desmond Tutu helped lead the fight against apartheid, and megachurches are blooming in Johannesburg suburbs.

Nkanyiso Bhengu, a popular South African actor, TV host and gospel singer, says young preachers across South Africa are copying Jakes' approach and warm style after seeing his DVDs. Bhengu listens to Jakes' CDs when he's on the road with his gospel group.

"He's very spiritual, but he understands the world that we live in," Bhengu said. "It makes Jesus tangible. It makes God tangible."

Megafest participants will also be able to get free AIDS tests and advice on starting businesses. While he's been in the region, Jakes has built homes for

See Jakes on A6

N.C. NAACP Convention focuses on voting

BY CASH MICHAELS CAROLINIAN NEWSPAPER

RALEIGH — With a strong message of change through "power, justice, freedom and the vote," the 65th Annual NAACP State Convention in Raleigh last weekend focused on mobilizing African-Americans and other communities of color and conscience to be heard, and counted during



Jealous

this historic election year.

The convention also focused on the civil rights organization's dramatic "Millions Voting March," nonpartisan get-out-the-vote initiative, which kicks off today across the state.

Last Friday at the North Raleigh Hilton, the effort got a big boost when National NAACP President/CEO Benjamin Jealous — formerly the managing editor of the Jackson Advocate, an African-American newspaper in Jackson, Miss., and the former executive director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association — officially endorsed North Carolina's "Millions Voting March" during a press conference Oct. 10 with N.C. NAACP President Rev.

William Barber. Jealous later keynoted the convention's Membership Luncheon.

"I'm here today to support what the [NC] state conference is doing," Jealous, flanked by Rev. Barber and as bevy of state chapter presidents, told reporters. "We hope that North Carolina will be a beacon to the rest of the country."

Later, during his keynote address at the membership luncheon, the 35-year-old Jealous — the youngest leader of the NAACP in its history — told some of the more than 1,000 attendees that regardless of who wins the White House, "The only thing you'll hear from this national [NAACP] office, loud and clear, over and over and over again, is take care of Main Street, [and] justice for regular people."

Actor/activist Danny Glover, star of films such as the "Lethal Weapon" series and "The Color Purple," said during his keynote address at the convention's Freedom Fund Banquet Saturday night that while voting for right leadership was indeed

important, African-American and other communities of color must follow that up with "action."

"We must engage ourselves by action; not simply

voting, but being involved in the body politics," Glover said.

Other noted speakers included Hilary Shelton,

See Convention on A6

FOR SALE/LEASE

Premier Business Park

WINSTON-SALEM BUSINESS PARK
CORNER OF NEW WALKERTOWN RD. & 14TH ST.

- Plan for eleven 2,500± sf office buildings
- Can be subdivided into 1,250± sf suites
- Park for Sale; Buildings for Lease
- Potential Seller Financing

MERIDIAN
722-1986 CONTACT MICHAEL D. GWYN

RE-ELECT JUDGE CHESTER DAVIS

- 17 years District Court Judge
- 1 of 2 Equitable Distribution Judges in Forsyth County
- President of the Forsyth County Bar Association (2006-2007)
- 3 years US Army (1 year in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot)

www.judgedavis.com

Paid for by Judge Chester Davis Re-Election Committee