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VA Drops Home Loan Interest Rates

The Veterans Administration will reduce its maximum home loan interest rate from 13 percent to 12½ percent effective Friday, April 19. The last change in the interest rate occurred on March 25, when it was increased from 12½ percent to 13 percent.

VA administrator Harry N. Walters said the reduction reflects recent improvement in the mortgage market.

The VA will also decrease by ½ percentage point the maximum rates for Graduated Payment Mortgages (GPMs) to 12½ percent and home improvement loans to 14 percent. In addition, the rates for manufactured home loans will also be decreased. The new maximum rates are 15 percent for unit-only loans and 14½ percent for loans to purchase either a unit with the lot or to purchase a lot upon which a unit already owned by the veteran is to be placed.

The rate change does not affect existing loans, whose interest rate remains the same for the life of the agreement. VA home loans may be used to purchase, construct, alter, improve, repair, or refinance a home. This includes the purchase of condominiums and manufactured homes, with or without a lot.

Robert Black Is JCSU Guest Speaker

Robert P. Black, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, will be the guest speaker for the annual Johnson C. Smith University Board of Visitors luncheon.

The luncheon is scheduled for Monday, April 29, at noon in Grimes Lounge of the University Memorial Union, on the campus.

Black is a native of Kentucky and received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in economics at the University of Virginia. While at the university, he was elected to the Raven Society, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Phi Beta Kappa. He has taught at the University of Tennessee, the University of Virginia, and the University of Richmond. Black taught for many years at the North Carolina School of Banking, and the School of Banking of the South of Louisiana State University.

Mr. Black is active in numerous civic affairs and is the author of a number of publications on banking and economics. He was a recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal Award from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., for one of his articles. Currently, he is a member of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System.

The Board of Visitors of Johnson C. Smith University was founded in January 1978 and has been a major factor in establishing close, strong, and mutually-beneficial relations with the greater Charlotte community.

Although the Board is not a part of the university's formal governing, it does meet annually to acquaint members with the programs and the problems, progress and plans for the university.



Kim Jones Johnson C. Smith freshman

Jones Plans To Work In Broadcasting Field

By Jalyne Strong Post Staff Writer

Though she prefers to be called Kim Jones, this week's Korean-born beauty's given name is Yong E Kim. Incidentally, Yong E means "beauty" in Korean. "It is a conceited name," Kim demures.

A most interesting young lady, Kim is 20 years old and a freshman at Johnson C. Smith University. She is majoring in communications and her plans are to one day work in the broadcasting field.

Born in a war-torn, poverty-stricken country, Kim tells a bitter-sweet story of how she came to live in the U.S. and how her life has changed.

"I was born in Seoul, Korea, to a Korean mother and a Black-American soldier," she begins. "Through a program of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, I came to America in 1968 with many Korean refugees."

The separation between Kim and her biological parents are vague.

Once in the States, Kim was adopted by a married couple of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. She was three years old. However, there were some problems. After living with the couple for a while, without explanation, Kim was taken back to an orphanage. She confesses, "The years 1968 to 1970 was not a happy time."

Kim lived in orphanages and at times with foster families for a couple of years. She says of that uncertain and sad time, "I was a strong child. I was told that often under these types of circumstances many children break down. But I knew, one day, I'd find parents who would love and care for me and provide me a happy home."

During this time, an American couple, Mr. James and Mrs. Juanita See JONES On Page 20A

NUL Directs Campaign Towards Young Males

Moving directly to the heart of an increasingly serious problem in Black America -- teenage pregnancy -- John E. Jacob, President of the National Urban League, announced today the opening phase of a Male Responsibility Program that has already received the enthusiastic endorsement of the nation's major black media groups.

The program, which Mr. Jacob said "was put together with a minimum of money, but a wealth of volunteer help from the black community itself," is aimed at young black males and uses several mediums to encourage them to act responsibly in their relationship with the opposite sex so as to avoid fathering a child they are in no position to take care of.

"We recognize that this is a straight forward, hard hitting message that represents a new approach. However, the statistics clearly indicate that other approaches aren't working as well as we would hope. Now we have to speak frankly to our young black males and tell them that being a teenage father does not make you a man, and the smart thing to do is to avoid fatherhood at an early age," Mr. Jacob said.

The campaign uses several striking posters, newspapers and magazine ads, and a radio commercial by popular recording artists James Ingram and Howard Hewitt. It was created on a pro-bono basis by the New York based advertising firm of Mingo-Jones.

The original idea grew out of several meetings of the NUL's Male Responsibility panel comprised of 12 outstanding black entrepreneurs and corporate executives. The panel agreed that one of the most effective ways to reach young black males was through a visual approach and through radio.

The uniqueness of the NUL's new campaign lies in the identification of young black males as the target audience and in the use of language that speaks to the "macho" image. While there are any number of teenage pregnancy programs aimed at females -- and the NUL through its affiliates conducts over 30 of these -- this is the first national program directed to black males.

The campaign is also unique in that it is almost entirely a volunteer



John E. Jacob NUL president

effort. In addition to the donation of creative talent by Mingo-Jones, a group of inmates at the Green Haven Correctional Facility collected their own money to buy the paper stock and then printed the first 2,000 posters on the institution's printing press with the approval and support of prison officials.

The air time on radio and the space in publications will also be on a volunteer basis.

The materials that have been developed for the campaign are in the process of being distributed to all the nation's black newspapers and

magazines, as well as black oriented radio stations, with an urgent request from the NUL that they be used as public service advertising.

"Since we have received strong endorsements from so many major black media groups, and we have every reason to believe that the campaign is so compelling and so vitally important that our black communicators will be eager to do their part, we are confident that the message will be spread throughout the width and breadth of this land," Mr. Jacob declared.

The groups that have endorsed the campaign are Black Media Inc., Black Music Association, Inner City Broadcasting, National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters, National Association of Media Women, National Media Coalition, National Black Network, National Newspaper Publishers Association, Sheridan Broadcasting Network and the Newsystem Group, Inc.

In addition to the distribution to the media, the posters will be made available to each of the NUL's 113 affiliates and to other institutions within the black community such as churches, schools, youth clubs, community centers, etc.

"The National Urban League is not in this alone. We are reaching out to other community groups and asking them to join in this campaign whatever way they can so that together we can turn the tide," Mr. Jacob said.

Duke Physicians Test New Drug For Prostrate Cancer

By Catherine Macek Duke Medical Center Special To The Post

Durham - Urologists at Duke University Medical Center are starting a clinical study of a new drug that may halt the spread of prostate cancer.

The disease occurs almost exclusively in men over the age of 55. It's the second most common type of cancer and the third leading cause of cancer deaths among men. And in about 60 percent of patients, the cancer already has spread to other areas (primarily bone marrow) at the time of diagnosis.

"We treat cancers that are localized in the prostate with either surgery or radiation therapy," said Dr. Philip Walther, an assistant professor of surgery in the urology division at Duke and staff physician at Duke's Comprehensive Cancer Center. "But when the cancer has metastasized, we often can halt continued cancer growth by inhibiting the production of testosterone, the male hormone."

"When blood levels of testosterone are lowered, about 85 percent of prostate cancers respond substantially with noted improvement of symptoms caused by the cancer."

Until recently there were primarily two ways to decrease testosterone production in the body: with the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) or by castration. "Although DES is effective, there has been concern that it increases the patient's risk of heart attack, stroke and blood clots," Walther said. "On the other hand, castration can produce psychological problems in some patients."

In previous studies niferelin acetate, the new drug under study at Duke, effectively lowered testosterone levels but avoided the side effects of DES. The drug is in its final testing phases before submission to the Food and Drug Administration for final approval.

"Drugs similar to niferelin also are being tested but require daily injections, since these compounds are destroyed in the stomach," Walther noted. "However, niferelin can be administered in a nasal spray, so it is as convenient as tablets."

For the study, Walther needs patients who have metastatic prostate cancer but have not undergone castration for the disease. Participants will receive niferelin and any blood tests required for the study free of charge. "The patients will continue to receive the drug for as long as it's effective," Walther said.

Localized prostate cancer rarely produces symptoms. Most often physicians suspect it when they palpate a nodule in the prostate during a rectal examination.



Rev. Dr. Jewett L. Walker makes his final payment for his Life Membership to the local NAACP Chapter to Mary Clark, vice president of the Mecklenburg Chapter. General B. Frazier, membership chairperson looks on. (Photo By Teresa Simmons)

"Second, the NAACP is a pressure group depending on the public to achieve its aims in fair housing, fair employment and equal education. We owe it to ourselves to belong to an organization that fights for our

rights every day."

Ms. Frazier, who is also a life member, urges others to get involved on a year to year basis.

Life memberships are broken down into junior and senior cate-

gories ranging from \$25 to \$500. There is also a Golden Heritage Life membership available only to fully paid life members at \$1,000. One can also contribute from \$3 (youth) on up to the association.

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Dr. Walker recently made his last payment on a Life Membership. He started on the payments in 1978 after Mrs. Clark approached him about becoming a NAACP member.

"There are two reasons why NAACP membership are so important," stressed Ms. Frazier.

"First, membership is our principal source of financial support. Membership is the very life blood of the NAACP. The NAACP's strength and effectiveness is its membership. The NAACP grows stronger with every new member."