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Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say Rejoice.

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Psalm 20: vs. 8

***They are brought down and fallen:
but we are risen, and stand upright***

I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who continues to give me visions and strength to publish Faith & Soul News Magazine. I want to thank my family, all the wonderful advertisers (who faithfully support), our subscribers, readers and this wonderful community.

In this issue: The Southern Soul Swag Tour, NAACP Banquet, Juneteenth, Minister Helen and the Angelical Harmonettes and much more

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God Bless, Melinda

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NAACP banquet presents 'PowerNomics' founder

By: Melissa Tyler

"Opportunity does not exist unless you have the resources. Black folk have to learn how to solve our own unemployment and lack of wealth problems," declared Dr. Claud Anderson at the NAACP 1st Annual "Joint" Freedom Fund Banquet on June 18.

Anderson is president of PowerNomics Corporation of America, a corporation that is involved in business development in inner cities across the country. He is also the author several books such as "PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America," "Black Labor" and "White Wealth: A Search for Power and Economic Justice."

This year's theme was "Old Problem, New Day." There were six National Association for the Advancement of Colored People parish chapters represented at the Heymann Performing Arts Center—Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion.

"We're going to pass on the baton tonight to the next generation," said JeNelle Chargois, state NAACP vice president of District D, as she introduced the program.

Local awards, NAACP history and book signing highlighted the occasion, but the climax of the affair was Anderson's speech.

"Black people are locked into the lowest level of a real life monopoly game, and they never received their '40 acres and a mule,'" bellowed Anderson from a microphone on the podium. He said he found that after all of his years in government, business and education, black people were not progressing and are still at the bottom of the barrel.

According to state NAACP president Ernest Johnson, "Civil rights is a battle that should not be fought in America where we all should be treated equal."

Anderson said, "I want to empower black people in the community to make them economically and politically competitive by practicing group politics and group economics.

"My ultimate goal is to speak to those who want to hear and those who

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2011 Juneteenth Pageant. Faith & Soul Salutes all the contestants, their parents, the attendees and all who supports this wonderful event. Kudos to Ms. Brenda Andrus and all the volunteers. Especially Mr. Abran Freeman a great visionary in our community



WHO WE ARE---According to Ms. Brenda Andrus - Miss Juneteenth Pageant Director here in Lafayette, La

The Miss Juneteenth Pageant will always be seeking contestants for its Pageant. Developed to provide a charming and magical experience for girls in three age's categories 10-13 Juneteenth Pre- Queens, 14-16 Teen -Queens and 17-19 Miss Juneteenth Queens.

The Juneteenth Pageant offers an empowering series of events with ...a non-competitive atmosphere focusing on Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Friendship. A confidence building experience- your Little Queens will look forward to participating in every year. A place where "all" contestants are winners and the prizes are Grand. Including Scholarship Award and Celebrity meet and greets.

Our objective is to reach the youths throughout Acadiana area early on in their social developmental years,

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MINISTER HELEN AND THE ANGELICAL HARMONETTES

Minister Helen performed for over 20 years on the most famous stages of Europe and Africa. Along the way, she met other great artists such as Linda Hopkins (Umbria Jazz Winter Fest -Italy-), James Brown (Jazz à Nice -France-), Herbie Hancock (Jazz à Vienne -France-), Al Green (Cajun Fest in Lafayette), the Count Basie Orchestra directed by Frank Foster in Strasbourg and Nice (France) and Barbara Hendricks in El Jem (Tunisia).

The Angelical Harmonettes were born 12 years ago by the reunion of 3 angelical voices: Andrea Rhodes from Thibodeaux, Laverne Singleton from Patterson and Alberta White from Franklin. Harmony, power, feeling, wonderful blend are the words continue on page 11

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Q & A with 2011 BET Awards award nominee Deitrick Haddon

By: Melissa Tyler

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MT: How long have you been with Verity Records?

DH: That's a good question. I've been with Verity since '01 or '02...seems like we have a long-standing relationship.

MT: Were you surprised at receiving a BET Award nomination in the best gospel category?

DH: Um. I was very surprised, and it happened on my birthday. It was a birthday gift (he laughs jokingly)!

MT: You've debuted number one on the Billboard Gospel Charts, and you're the first gospel artist to have a "World Premiere" of your video on "106 & Park." What do you think of these achievements?

DH: I think hard work pays off. It lets me know that people are paying attention to what I'm doing, and I have a voice in the culture that people are recognizing.

MT: What would you like to tell your fans about the "Church on the Moon" album?

DH: I believe this is my best project because I put in my best work and best effort. I'm not surprised at the success that will come with this project.

MT: Your single, "Well Done," has spent more than 30 weeks as one of the top gospel singles in the country. Why do you think the song has done so well?

DH: I think at the end of the day, everybody wants to hear God tell them, 'Well done.'

MT: Tell me why people should buy your new album?

DH: People should buy it if they love fresh, innovative music and want hear gospel on a different perspective. I think it's coming from the kingdom of God, and we should support each other by working hard to get the message out there.

MT: How has fame affected you?

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to promote positive self-esteem and self-image embrace a sense of self-mastery and to encourage each contestant to live a healthy lifestyle, serve their community and work collaboratively to build more meaningful mentoring relationship thus, embracing their natural beauty.

2011 pageant is far more than a pageant. We have coordinated a host of events to lead up to our Royal Day that begins with an empowering workshop and luncheon where contestants will take part in an interactive series of topics hosted by professionals in each field ranging from Personal and Internet Safety, Money Management 101 for Girls and Boys, Health, Fitness and Personal Hygiene, tools to improve positive Self-Esteem. As well as feature a discussion on Friends, Clicks and YOU.....Anyone interested in the 2012 Pageant please check out our web page at www.swlajuneteenth.org or go to: www.pageantcenter.com/pageant_calendar/louisiana

Again, thank you and it's an honor to teach, work, guide and empower the youth from this area. We, do this from our heart.

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want to learn. Those who don't want to learn can keep doing what they've been doing. The stupidity of humanity is to still keep doing the same thing and still expecting a change. Build your own communities, businesses, provide your own jobs and services. Black people should be concerned about themselves first before they are concerned about other societies."

NAACP Lafayette Parish president Khadijah Rashad said the banquet will continue once a year, every year. Chargois and other presidents developed the event when they decided to unite and do something to empower the black community.

"Take care of your own people first. If you're not doing that, you're wasting time," concluded Anderson. "Crime levels will go down. Education, wealth, business and income will go up."

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that come to your mind by listening to them and it is all for the glory of God.

Will also feature for this event, the I. J. Joiner Mass Choir and Miss Rosetta "Tet" Gray, Minister Helen's mother, 85 years young and so renowned for her "Me and Jesus".

With this first concert in the USA, toward Pastor Michael C. Wright's 23rd anniversary at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church of Abbeville, Minister Helen and the Angelical Harmonettes hope to prove wrong the famous proverb "A prophet is not recognized in his own land".

Information:

When: Saturday September the 3rd at 7:30PM

Where: Pleasant Green Baptist Church
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The National HIV/AIDS Strategy at One Year

Posted by Jeffrey Crowley on July 13, 2011 at 11:09 AM EDT

It's been one year since we launched the first comprehensive National HIV/AIDS Strategy and today we are releasing an implementation update to keep you up to speed on the latest work. We plan to release a more comprehensive progress report after the conclusion of the calendar year, but as we mark this critical first year, we wanted to provide some reflections on key first-year achievements.

The Strategy details President Obama's three goals: 1) reduce the number of new HIV infections, 2) increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV, and 3) reduce HIV-related health disparities. Our mission is for the United States to become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination. As you will see from the report, agencies throughout government are stepping up to the plate and stakeholders from all sectors are taking action.

Ultimately, for the Strategy to be truly successful, we need you. The Strategy isn't about what government can do alone. We know that businesses, the faith community, and all sectors have a role to play. The following video above everyday leaders implementing the strategy in their own communities. We hope that you can use this to engage more people in our collective efforts to implement the Strategy and energize key partners to continue their efforts. Go to AIDS.gov to receive more information and take action.

We thank everyone that has worked with us so far, and we look forward to new and productive collaborations over the coming year.

[Download the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Implementation Update.](#)

Jeffrey Crowley is the Director of the Office of National AIDS Strategy.

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Our next training session will be held:

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

5:30pm-9:00pm

Friday, August 5, 2011

5:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday, August 6, 2011

9:00am-1:00pm

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Join Faith & Soul News Magazine as we pray for our children in this school year. The bible says train up a child in the way he/she should go, they may stray but they will return to the teachings of their parents. Let's support the young parents, give them love. No parent birth a child not prosper they have dreams for their children. Parents let's speak the word over our children, walk in faith and not by sight believe that your child will develop his/her God given talent. Keep the Faith. Faith is something hope for but not seen. Continue to hope for when you can't see it.

Back to school buying tips:

Shop around, check out the sales, consult with one another or use the internet to look for best prices. I went to Office Depot and their loose leaf papers were 24 cents for one, Walmart had the same pack for 75 cents for one. Do the math you can buy 3 packs at Office Depot. Email us and let us know where the specials are so we can let our readers know with high gas prices we need to be smarter shoppers. Of course Walmart may have other specials; soccer moms should you be in the area let your family & friends know the sales out there. (F&S)

Fondwa Update

Summer 2011

Sister Simone, Fr. Joseph Philippe, CSSP, Archbishop Guire Poulard, Sister Carmelle

We are very thankful to each one of you for your continuing support to our works in Fondwa. Actually I am writing to you from the University of San Francisco. Through the generosity of the Jesuit Community I have been invited here to share the great news from Fondwa with you. First a general report on our plan for the last six months.

1) Housing Projects :

1. With the help of FHM (Family Health Ministries), three individual families have been granted a house including Bos Ednor Germain, Paulette and Chrisna. FHM is also helping us build presently an office for the Directors of the School of Fondwa. At the same time, they are paving the courtyard of the new orphanage of Fondwa and they have been involved in making benches for the school for the next coming months.

1.2 With the help of Fonkoze, about 150 families in the Fondwa area will have either their house rebuilt or repaired. This project started at the end of last year and they will finish before the end of 2011.

1.3 With the help of the Sisters of Fondwa, two other families (Vady and Fritz) will have new homes. Construction started in April and before the end of August it will be finished.

1.4 The Sisters of Charity from the U.S., with the help of Sister Judy, have built a Formation House for the Sisters of St. Anthony of Fondwa,

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