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Innocence Society to host "Freedom Not Torture"

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Dr. Malachi York will be appearances by the Muhammad Study Group,

The Innocence Society, a nonprofit organization that aims to correct flaws within the criminal justice system, will host "Freedom not Torture for Malachi Kobina York."

The event is Saturday, Aug. 29, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mary Flournoy Golden Age Center located at 1001 W. 39th St., Savannah.

The event will include an exclusive documentary screening of "Mysteries Behind Closed Doors," a documentary about the alleged conspiracy to destroy York. In addition to the documentary screening there will

The Blakely Sisters and Minister Jamie Muhammad, among other human rights freedom fighters.

York was the leader of the United Nuwaubian Nation of Moors, a fraternal organization of people from different religions. He received a 135-year sentence on child molestation charges in April 2004. York is currently requesting his sentence be vacated and a hearing investigating prosecutorial misconduct.

For more information visit www.innocencesociety.org, email nalkush@innocencesociety.org or call 912-931-1689.

Chatham County Youth Commission to Sponsor Annual Back to School Cruise

The Chatham County Youth Commission will sponsor their 6th Cruising Back To School aboard the Georgia Queen Riverboat!

This event will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 6:30 pm - 9:00pm on River Street. (Boarding is at 6:45 PM).

This event is open to high school students only with school ID. This event is a "Black and White Affair", and students are asked to wear their best black/white gear.

Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and can be purchased from the River Street Riverboat Company, 9 East River Street, (912) 232-6404.

Come and share as we cruise into a safe and productive school year!

The Chatham County Youth Commission seeks to prepare youth for a lifetime

of public and community service regardless of the youth's present or future career aspirations.

It is believed that leaders are not necessarily born, but are definitely made. Each young person is seen as "walking possibilities," and that we as present leaders have the obligation to cultivate future leaders.

The Youth Commission's motto is Vocalizing Our Views for a Prosperous Future!

In 1992, after a variety of governmental, business and community initiatives on behalf of youth, Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, County Commissioner, District 8, realized her vision to have a formal organization in place that would directly involve youth in the governmental process as well as develop leadership skills.

After securing the

blessing of the Chatham County Commission, she enlisted the assistance of the County Manager, Russ Abolt, the Human Resources Director, the late Beverly M. Whitehead, and the then Employee Services Manager, Michael A. Kaigler.

They developed the prototype of the Youth Commission and this initiative became a reality in March 1992.

Alderman Van R. Johnson, II has served as Director since 1995. The benefits have been enormous, including increased self esteem, recognition from the community at large, increased personal community involvement and enhanced relationships between the County government and the schools that we serve.

St. Paul Missionary to Celebrate 111th Church Anniversary

We the officers and members of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you to worship with us as we celebrate 111 years of serving and praising God.

This celebration begins Tuesday September 1, 2009

- Friday September 4, 2009 7:30 p.m. nightly, as well as services on September 6, 2009 at 11 am and 3 pm Sunday evening.

The services are as follows: Tuesday September 1, 2009 at 7:30pm True Love Baptist Church, Rev. Sandy

Pusha; Wednesday September 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm Central Baptist Church, Rev. Larry J. Stell; Thursday September 3, 2009 at 7:30 pm First Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. Keith Bruen; Friday September 4, 2009 at 7:30 pm Bethany Baptist Church, Rev. Ron Anderson.

Sunday Morning September 6, 2009 at 11 am St. Paul Baptist Church, Rev. James H. Terry, Sr.

Closing out the Church Anniversary will be Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Miley.

Our theme is - "Calling All God's Children To Get On Board".

We invite you to come out and share with us the blessings of the Lord, and to hear the words of God by the men of God as we celebrate this joyous occasion in the Lord.

Rev. James H. Terry, Sr. Pastor, Deacon Herman Mack, Chairman, Sis. Lucy L. Palmer, Anniversary Chairperson.

Georgia Historical Society Receives Grant to Enhance Teaching African American History

The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to announce it has been awarded two grants totaling \$291,327 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to enhance the teaching of African-American history and culture and the American Civil War by university and community college teachers.

These seminars and workshops will be held in the summer of 2010 and utilize site visits, scholarly lectures, and the Georgia Historical Society's rich archival holdings. Sixty-five college faculty selected from a nationwide application process will study African-American and Civil War history with some of the leading experts in the field, including a Pulitzer Prize winner, three winners

of the Bancroft Prize, two Lincoln Prize winners, and one Lincoln Prize Honorable Mention. These two grants represent the largest amount of NEH funds awarded to an institution in Georgia in this grant cycle.

The first workshop, The American Civil War at 150: New Approaches, is an NEH Summer Seminar and Institute for University and College Teachers, and will be held in Savannah from June 6 through July 2, 2010.

This four-week residential seminar will engage sixteen college faculty in exploring new scholarship and approaches to the Civil War through lectures and readings, individual research projects in the GHS archives, and visits to historic sites in the Georgia lowcountry.

This seminar will challenge preconceived notions about the causes and consequences of the war that ultimately created our modern nation and ensured the survival of the United States of America, our republican form of government, and proved to the world the ability of the "People" to govern themselves.

The second grant is for a Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop for Community College Faculty and will focus on African-American History and Culture in the Georgia Lowcountry: Savannah and the Coastal Islands, 1750 - 1950. These residential workshops will be held July 11 - 17 and July 18 - 24, 2010. The workshops are intended to assist community college faculty in teaching and facilitating classroom discussions on African-American life and culture throughout American history, the Atlantic world in the eighteenth and nineteenth century, and the global impact of African-American religion, art, food, and music.

The Georgia Historical Society is grateful to NEH for the receipt of these two grant awards which help GHS to fulfill its mission to preserve and interpret Georgia and American history.

To learn more about the Georgia Historical Society, these two NEH grants and for upcoming events, visit www.georgiahistory.com.

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