

Viewed As Top Candidate

Mayor Young Eyes Governor's Seat

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Daytona Beach, Fla.—Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, in a luncheon speech before a delegation of the nation's Black publishers convening here, all but formally announced his candidacy for governor of his state in 1990.

In an ebullient but down-to-earth mood, Young regaled a 49th NNPA Mid-Winter Workshop luncheon with wry insider tales of cabinet meetings in the Carter White House, state of the city activities in Atlanta and reminiscences of his days as a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., before almost as an after-thought

declaring he may try to become Georgia's first Black governor.

Said he: "They tell me I'm in the top one or two (with extremely popular Georgia Bulldog football coach Vince Dooley who is also expected to run) amongst Black and white, to be governor of the state of Georgia (an Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper statewide poll published the result).

"Well, whether I become governor or not, I don't have much choice but try... We never know what will happen..." he added, falling just short of formally announcing his candidacy.

An informed source told NNPA:

"Of course, he would not make such a formal announcement here, or anywhere but in the State of Georgia. Look for him to formally announce

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(for the race) in June."

Young cruised the publishers to explode with handclapping laughter when he said: "On the march from Selma to Montgomery (in 1965), I couldn't imagine being a

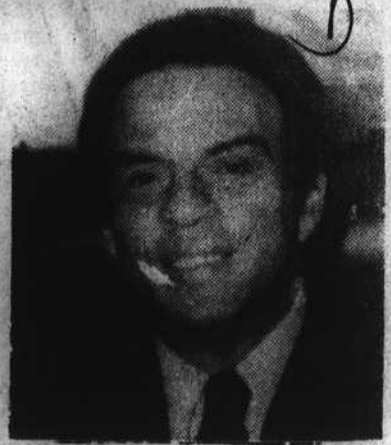
congressman or even a mayor or what was worse, driving from Howard University (where he was a student) to New Orleans (his hometown) through the state of Georgia."

"Why," he continued wickedly, "I was even unwilling to stop in Georgia and when I got to the Georgia State line, I drove back to Anderson, S.C. to

get gas, because I know Georgia was the worst place in the world for a nigger to be caught at night."

Interestingly, the only Black ever to sit as governor of a state in the U.S. was Pinckney B. Pinchback (1837-1921), of Young's native Louisiana.

Young has made a pilgrimage (in 1988) across the State of Georgia by bicycle, travelling over 300 miles and stopping in every village and hamlet to talk with the natives. He told NNPA he plans to make a similar cross-state bicycle tour to "hear Georgians' views" sometime this year. He said he never ran into one hostile area during his entire trip (See ANDREW YOUNG, P. 2)



MAYOR ANDREW YOUNG

Dr. Forbes Tapped To Lead Vigorous "Social" Ministry

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—The Rev. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., a black clergyman known for his preaching skill, has been named to lead famed Riverside Church and its vigorous social-justice ministry.

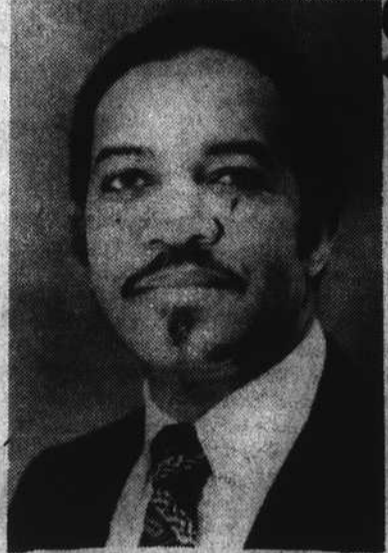
The interdenominational church announced the choice last week after a year-long search for a successor to the Rev. William Sloane Coffin, civil rights and antiwar activist.

The 2,200-member church, built by the late John D. Rockefeller in 1930, has had a line of noted pastors, beginning with the late Harry Emerson Fosdick. Rev. James Forbes is the brotehr of the Rev. David Forbes, pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Forbes, 53, professor of preaching at New York's Union Theological Seminary where he has taught for 12 years, was described as being a theologian of eloquence and keen social concern.

formality when they vote to discharge the search committee.

The church, with a \$6 million annual budget, has become an increasingly ethnically mixed congregation, with a diversified program of help to



REV. JAMES FORBES

the poor and homeless and working for racial justice and disarmament.

Although jointly affiliated with the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ, the congregation is a composite of denominational backgrounds.

Coffin stepped down a year ago, after a decade of leading the church, to become president of a disarmament group, Sane-Freeze, based in Washington, D.C.

For the last year, an acting senior minister, the Rev. George Hill, drawn out of retirement in Claremont, Calif., had filled the pulpit until a successor to Coffin was chosen.

Forbes, prior to joining the seminary faculty, had led an innovative pastoral training program in Washington, and previously led congregations in Richmond, Va., and Roxboro, N.C.

In Washington, he had been director of Interfaith Metropolitan (See DR. FORBES, P. 2)

"No government can function without a living vision of what it means to be human and religion should keep that vision alive... and provide a prophetic critique of government..."

—Rev. James Forbes

"He is an eminent preacher, committed to pluralism, inclusivity and social justice," the "key characteristics of our senior minister," said the head of the search committee, J. Richard Butler.

He told the congregation that the committee had concluded that Forbes was the man "to lead this congregation through the next decade and into the 21st century."

The selection, already approved by the church's Board of Deacons, remains subject to affirmation by members, but that is expected to be a

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Rewards Spark Tips

Students Demand Safety

Officials Saying Few Solid Clues

A security officer who patrols a large warehouse at night says a flashlight is his best defense. He does not carry a side-arm.

A retail outlet in the area reports a sharp increase in the sales of MACE and boasts on the benefits of carrying the tear gas as a self-protection device.

However, angry students marched to the office of Duke University President H. Keith H. Brodie and demanded safety measures after two rapes on campus last week.

The university announced several steps to combat the problem, including \$25,000 rewards for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for the most recent attacks and rapes.

Students said they wanted to see an immediate change and lights. The installation of more lights and emergency telephones around the campus as well as tighter security systems at dormitories and academic buildings are among the demands. Even safety beepers for all female students have been recommended.

Two Duke employees were raped last week in less than 24 hours apart in attacks officials refer to as a "community problem," not a Duke campus problem.

Duke Public Safety officials have (See RAPES, P. 2)



AWARDS GALA—The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson is seen here with Granville L. Stevens, senior counsel of Revlon, Inc., at the recent Essence Awards Gala in Chicago. The ceremony was hosted by Oprah Winfrey and recognizes remarkable black women whose extraordinary accomplishments embody the Essence spirit.

AIDS Hits Blacks Hard, But Not Race Disease

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The national black publishers were challenged to "get involved with the real enemy" that affects the black

community most directly—HIV infections, the forerunner to the deadly AIDS virus. And while blacks are disproportionately hit by the dread virus, AIDS is not a disease of race, they were told.

In a fact-filled presentation, Helene Gayle, a young black-medical doctor from Atlanta, Ga.'s Centers for Disease Control, told a National Newspaper Publishers Association seminar that "for every reported AIDS case there are at least anywhere from 10 to 100 people infected with HIV" that are often unreported. "In other words," she continued, the number of known AIDS cases is just the tip of the iceberg.

She also told the more than 200 publishers holding a four-day Mid-Winter Workshop at the recently built (See AIDS, P. 2)

Building Tomorrow's Leaders

Vocational Education Is At Work

Vocational education is the backbone of the nation's employment-related education and training programs. Its strength is drawn from the fact that it is an integral part of this nation's public educational system with vocational education offered at more than 26,000 institutions from high schools to four-year universities. The week of Feb. 12-18 has been proclaimed Vocational Education Week throughout the United States and Edgecombe Community College would like to increase public awareness concerning the importance of vocational education.

Edgecombe Community College currently offers five programs that earn a vocational diploma. Most program may be completed in a year.

"Automotive body repair, taught on the Tarboro campus, provides training in the use of the equipment and materials of the auto body mechanic trade. The student studies the construction of the automobile body and techniques of auto body repairing, rebuilding, and refinishing.

Automotive mechanics is also taught on the Tarboro campus. This curriculum provides training opportunities for developing the basic

knowledge and skills needed to inspect, diagnose, repair or adjust automobiles. Principles of automotive mechanics are learned through class discussions and assignments while manual skills are developed in practical shop work.

The area of cosmetology is varied, yet trained skills are quite specific. The cosmetic arts curriculum at ECC taught on the Tarboro campus and at the Rocky Mount Center, provides instruction and practice in manicuring, shampooing, permanent waving, facials, massages, and hair cutting and styling. Students provide such

services as shampooing, facials, and haircuts on customers who are encouraged to patronize the department.

The ever-changing world of electronic servicing prepares the student to repair and adjust electronic equipment ranging from radios to microcomputers. Electronic servicing, offered exclusively at the Rocky Mount Center, has recently added state-of-the-art laboratory equipment which will allow the student to perform lab experiments involving digital circuits.

The nurse's assistant program, taught on the Tarboro campus or at the Rocky Mount Center, is designed to prepare qualified men and women to give effective nursing care to selected patients and carry out routine aspects of nursing care. This program is designed for approximately 330 hours of instruction consisting of classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences.

Vocational education is a vital part of Edgecombe Community College, but more importantly, it is a vital part of the community. The current employment rate of ECC graduates is approximately 85 percent. The resources and talent produced at the college is priceless. The college is proud of the excellent education that is provided, enabling graduates to be employed commensurate with ability and skills possessed by its students. The training received at ECC leads to greater job satisfaction for individuals and benefits society at large.

ECC constantly plans and communicates with businesses and industries to ensure that vocational programs are current and pertinent to employment needs in our area.

The theme of Vocational Education Week is "Building Tomorrow's Leaders." It is a call for the broad in- (See VOCATIONAL, P. 2)

Exempting More Taxpayers Will Help Families

When President Bush proposes changes in the tax code during an address to a joint session of Congress next week, he should ask them to increase the personal income-tax exemption from \$2,000 to \$6,300, says a tax specialist at a Washington think-tank with close ties to the White House. The change would effectively remove half of all U.S. families from the income-tax rolls, and end decades of discrimination against families in the federal tax code, says Thomas Humbert, John M. Olin fellow in political economy at The Heritage Foundation.

If low-income families were exempt from taxes, Humbert argues in a study being sent to Congress and White House and Treasury Department officials, there would be more incentive for poor people to work, reducing their dependence on government social programs. It would also help middle-class families pay for such expenses as child care and education.

Currently, writes Humbert, "The federal income tax system treats children less favorably than a business lunch. Like spending for the movies, the costs of raising children (See TAXPAYERS, P. 2)

Report Says Combat Infant Mortality Rate

BY DENNIS PATTERSON
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(AP)North Carolina could reduce its infant mortality rate by spending \$5 million in a two-year program to improve prenatal care and send medical teams to rural areas, a task force said Wednesday.

"Whether we can find the funding, I think, depends on our priorities, the value we put on human life," said Dr. Sarah Morrow, former state secretary of Human Resources and chairman of a task force that studied infant deaths for the N.C. Institute of Medicine.

"We are looking at the economy, better roads, prisons for our state," she said. "We've had to look so much at the fires that have to be put out that we haven't paid attention to the women and children out there who need help."

The task force report released last week said North Carolina ranks 46th among the states with 12.1 deaths per 1,000 live births within the first year. The U.S. average is 10 deaths per 1,000 live births within the first year. The U.S. average is 10 deaths per 1,000 live births, the worst infant mortality rate among the developed nations.

The task force said most of the money spend to reduce infant deaths finances high technology care for (See INFANT MORTALITY, P. 2)

NAACP Recognizes Elizabeth Cofield As Black Pioneer

Only a few of us are fortunate enough to realize both our professional and personal goals in life. But Elizabeth Cofield has done just that, using her education and political savvy as a spring board into African-American history in North Carolina.

The Wendell-Wake County branch of the NAACP will observe Black History and the 18th anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on February 12 and extend honors to Ms. Cofield.

The Rev. Alphonza Fullwood, pastor of the Riley Hill Baptist Church in Wendell, along with his choir and congregation will render the service.

As part of this celebration, Ms. Cofield will be honored as the first black to serve on the Wake County School Board and as a Wake County Commissioner.

She was also the first female to be elected as a county commissioner. The NAACP branch will salute

Ms. Cofield as a stalwart pioneer in education, religious, political, community and humanitarian service.



MS. ELIZABETH COFIELD



STEPPIN' OUT—Members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity did some fancy stepping in the coming out ceremony for Tallis Sabin-Calloway, fraternities and sororities held in the gym of St. Augustine's