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Youth, Community Involved

Project Phoenix Aims To Combat Drugs

BY TRACEY HALL

Staff Writer
The Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department has come up with a plan to help eliminate the drug problem in its city housing projects. "Project Phoenix" is a project funded by the city and state to set up activities throughout the various projects located in Southeast Raleigh. Project Phoenix evolved as a result

of citizen complaints to the Housing Authority about drug activities in and around their neighborhood. The citizens of Chavis Heights housing project lodged enough complaints about drug dealers to convince the city of Raleigh and the Raleigh Housing Authority to establish its new program. Singletary says that Project Phoenix is primarily designed to give

the young people as well as adults alternatives. Instead of coming home from school and finding trouble, the youngster can become involved in the many activities that the Parks and Recreation Department has set up. These activities will be held at the local recreation centers at the housing projects. Chavis Heights is not the only city housing project to host these pro-

grams. Halifax Court, Biltmore Hills, and Walnut Terrace have also been cited as problem areas in need of cleaning up. Among some of the activities that are being sponsored are flag football, porcelain jewelry classes, storytelling festivals, and movie nights. For youngsters who would like to participate in flag football, they must register beforehand. There is no fee

to play in the football games. They are for young men ages 15-18 and will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There is also a movie night, which caters to the entire family. The movies are top theatrical movies that have been edited for underaged viewers. The department also offers storytelling festivals, sponsored by the Wake County Library Association. The festivals will be held at Fred

Fletcher Park. Transportation for all these activities will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. And for those parents who wonder what to do with their children on teacher workdays, there is the YES Program. Youth Education Services offers activities including arts and (See PROJECT PHOENIX, P. 2)

Important Talks Held

Family Reunion Serious Community Problems Focal Point

BY LARRY A. STILL

ANPA News Service
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The fourth annual series of black family reunions in five major cities was highlighted here in Washington as the Jacksons joined Rev. Jesse Jackson, Alex Haley, Melba Moore, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Esther Rolle, Dick Gregory, the Coretta Scott King family and host Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D.C.) in leading a mass weekend celebration of unity, festivity and a "various attack on community problems."

An estimated 100,000-plus participants poured onto the capital's monument grounds to share in the three-day festival, Sept. 8-10, sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women, the District of Columbia government, the National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and Proctor and Gamble's "family of products."

The Black Family Reunions project is the dream and brainchild of Dorothy Height, NCNW president, with Warner, the star of "The Cosby Show" on television, serving as national honorary chairman this year. Festivals were scheduled in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Washington this year. Congressional leaders and White House officials also participated.

The Jacksons—Jermaine, Jackie, Randy, Tito and LaToya—paid tribute to their mother, Kate, at the nation's largest family gathering by introducing a new song written and dedicated to her. Haley, the author of "Roots," lectured and signed "family tree" autographs along with the King (See REUNION, P. 2)



APARTHEID DEMONSTRATIONS—Recent South African from opponents of apartheid in South Africa as well as here in America. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Teacher Says Committed To Seeking Changes In Schools As An Activist

Frank Roberts, a veteran Wake County teacher and long-time education activist and advocate, believes that all is far-from-well in the Wake County Public School System. Says Roberts, "I'm determined to continue a commitment to our Wake County Public School teachers whose employment status and conditions are less than professional at the workplace; and, who continue to be the victims of inhumane treatment, harassment and intimidating acts by school officials" Roberts continued, "The pattern of our teacher dismissals, forced resignations, involuntary retirements, a refusal to hire qualified black teachers who reside in Wake County, and the steady decline in the percentage of black teachers in the schools have all prompted the need to "expose" employment practices."

Roberts pointed out that 80 percent of the black teachers in Wake County have 15 years experience in the teaching profession. This circumstance he contends opens the door for a trend that he has seen all too often. That trend being—as the black teachers retire they are replaced by white teachers. Roberts pointed out, "This is not a new strategy. It centers around economics. With the legislature's

action to increase teacher salaries this becomes even more of an economic issue." Further charges are leveled by Roberts pointing out, "The statistical data for the past five years (1984-1989) validate a pattern of employment practices in the Wake County Schools that clearly suggest

racial, sexual and political discrimination in hiring, firing, and promotion. The fact that we had "a Black Superintendent" gave the false impression to too many that "Discriminating" is restricted to a certain race. That's not true!" (See FRANK ROBERTS, P. 2)

Position Of Power

NAACP Assails Police "Overreacting"

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)—An NAACP official last week accused authorities of overreacting during two nights of clashes between black college students and police—an allegation this resort city's mayor denied.

As many as 43 people were injured and more than 100 stores were looted in the bottle-throwing melees, which disrupted the Labor Day holiday in this resort of 250,000 and left miles of normally busy beaches nearly empty. Police said up to 100,000 young people, many here for an annual fraternity festival of students from mostly black colleges, were on the street when rioting broke out early Sunday. Violence resumed Sunday night and police, backed up by state troopers and 150 National Guardsmen, imposed an overnight curfew. There was no recurrence of the violence Monday night, authorities said.

Police reported arresting 260 people, half of them area residents, and hundreds of summonses were issued through Sunday afternoon.

New Wage And Hour Law To Have Impact

The 1989 General Assembly approved several changes to the North Carolina Wage and Hour Act which will have significant impact on employers and employees.

"The changes are effective Oct. 1," State Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks said, "and all employers should take cognizance of them so they can comply with these new man-

authorities said. Arrest figures overnight were not immediately released.

Jack W. Gravely, president of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said police reaction would have been different if the students had been white.

"Their response was to confront the students from a position of power," Gravely said. "The Virginia NAACP strongly condemns the overzealous, overpowering and overreacting actions of the Virginia Beach police."

But, Gravely added, "That is not to

say that they did not have a right to protect property and persons."

NAACP officials and students have said they felt unwelcome in the city and had been harassed by the police. Gravely said the trouble erupted as students "felt squeezed" by police and "felt a need to show discontent."

"It's been like we're being singled out because we are young and black," said Charles Stone, 23, of New York City.

"They've been trying to regulate things that don't need regulating," said Paul Williams, a 21-year-old

Temple University student, of police. One witness said some participants in the disturbances chanted, "Fight the Power," a phrase from the hit film "Do the Right Thing," which is about racial violence in New York City.

No Guardsmen and few police were on the streets during the day Monday, but the 150 Guardsmen called out early Sunday had not been sent home. On Monday evening, eight-man squads of police stood at intersections while

(See NAACP, P. 2)

Bridges Becomes First Provost At Saint Augustine's

Trustees Create Post At Request From Robinson

The Saint Augustine's College Board of Trustees recently established a new administrative position at the four-year, private, historically black Raleigh college.

The board, meeting at Seabrook Island, S.C., for its annual spring meeting and retreat, established the position of provost as a part of the Senior Management Team at the college.

"It is a source of personal satisfaction that I announce this afternoon the appointment of Dr. Robert Bridges to fill this position," said Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of the college.

Dr. Bridges recently resigned as superintendent of the Wake County Public School System, the second-largest public school system in the state, a position he has held since 1984.

Dr. Bridges, who is a graduate of St. Augustine's, served with the old Raleigh Public School System and later the merged Wake County Public School System since 1981, first as a sixth-grade teacher, an elementary school principal, director of pupil personnel services, assistant superintendent for student services, deputy superintendent and superintendent of the system that serves close to 61,000 students and close to 4,000 teachers, administrators and staff.

In his new position of provost of St. Augustine's College, Dr. Bridges will assist the president



DR. ROBERT E. BRIDGES

in administering the total college programs in areas designated by the president; have direct supervision over the areas of student affairs and special projects and academic affairs. He will assist in budgetary preparation, staff recruitment and assist the president in development and provide support in fundraising and public relations for the college. One of the most important assignments given to Dr. Bridges is to assist the college in developing one of the best teacher education programs in the state.

Dr. Robinson said, "The addition of the position of provost, as (See DR. BRIDGES, P. 2)

INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

An Analysis
Great Britain, a country which for generations has led the world like a Trojan against the slave trade and racial discrimination, and gave the world Magna Carta, is now surprisingly weering around to support the evil racist policy of apartheid slavery in South Africa. Britain's humanitarian fight against racism has been an odyssey in modern history. The world is dismayed to learn that 16 English cricket players are about to go to South Africa on two six-week tours in January 1990 and (See INSIDE AFRICA, P. 2)

"Labor Of Love Celebration Day Successful In Chavis Pk.

The Third Annual "Labor of Love Celebration" sponsored by the Business Building Society (BBS) and the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department on this past Labor Day was a huge success.

Not only was this due to the community input it generated, but for the underwriting of the event by the African-American businessmen and women, who supplied the food, which was enjoyed by those in attendance. The credits for this go to Poor Boy's Supermarket, Reginald Hayes, owner; Charleston Seafood Station, Sterling Goodwin, manager; Kentucky Fried Chicken, managed by Mr. McDade, and Cross Link; The Vital Link School, Mr. and Mrs. Murray.

This "Labor of Love" was what the name denotes according to Mr.

Goodwin. He went on, "This event represents the climax of all of us struggling and working during the year to try to give something back." Mr. Murray added, "If we give back we help to build the community up and that's what we should all be about!"

The activities started at 11 a.m. as everyone signed in at the Chavis Heights Community Center and turned in their contribution of canned goods. These goods will go to area service agencies such as Wake Opportunities, The Helping Hand Mission and The Rural Community Networking Resource Center in Zebulon. Each year at this time their shelves are depleted of canned goods and this enables them to restock for the winter. This donation was the (See CELEBRATION, P. 2)

LETTER TO RALEIGH

Thank you, Raleigh! Martin Street Baptist Church and other local black Baptist congregations have just concluded a most impressive chapter in Raleigh's history. As the local entertainment committee, these citizens invited to our city a delegation in excess of 6,000 from 16 states and three foreign nations. Well over 1,200 hotel rooms were occupied for a week, countless meals eaten, and other goods and services consumed—as the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center teemed and reverberated with a Broadway-quality musical, sermons, lectures and workshops. For a week our city was tested and tasted. We now pause to toast our governor, our mayor, our city, other elected officials, Convention and Visitors Bureau, our hospitality industry, merchants, our sheriff, police departments and our hospitable local citizenry.

Our visitors were unanimous in enthusiastic applause to our organization, ambience, enthusiasm, hospitality and readiness for this convention. By resolution of the convention and by recognition of venerated executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Wendell Sommerville, "This was the best-staged and hosted convention in the organization's history" (since 1897). When one considers that the convention has been held in recent years in such cities as New Orleans, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and New York City, Raleigh is in good company!

It should be noted that the successful staging of the Lott Carey Convention was possible because of multiple factors. Two years of thorough planning served Raleigh well. The Raleigh Convention and (See DR. FROBES, P. 2)



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