

DR. FORBES

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Visitors Bureau and cooperation of both county and city officials were certainly key to our efforts. The zeal, cooperation, labor and vision of "Martin Streeters" and supportive area churches was consistent and sterling throughout the planning and implementation of Raleigh's "largest and longest running" convention.

It is significant that this spiritually, culturally and economically enhancing event was invited to Raleigh by black Raleighites. This gesture not only underscores the viability and savvy of Raleigh's black citizenry but reflects a level of city loyalty and sophistication which should not go unnoticed or unheralded. We are proud of our city and were thrilled at the opportunity to show it off to our visitors. We welcomed this chance, as well, to have our guests stimulate the economy of our town.

Aware that we could not win the "best ever" convention reputation alone, we turned to many people in the community at large. Hence, gratitude is in order.

• Thank you President Bush for the timely and eloquent greetings.

• Thank you U.S. Senators Helms and Sanford and Congressman Price for greetings and support in other ways.

• Thank you Governor Martin for honors bestowed on our convention and leadership.

• Thank you Wake Commissioner Malone for your planning, pleading and presence.

• Thank you Mayor Upchurch for your presence and other municipal supports too numerous to enumerate.

• Thank you Sheriff Baker and Register of Deeds Wilkins for a class act.

• Thank you David Heil, Al Blady and Bebee O'Neal for two years of excellent consultation, support, and advice.

• Thank you management and staff of the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center for a facility and facilitation tailor-made to Lott Carey.

• Thank you to the dozen hotels, dozens of eateries and merchants who dealt with our guests fair and square.

• Thank you to the print, radio and television media for introducing Raleigh to the convention—and the convention to Raleigh.

• And most of all, we thank God for good weather, safe streets, good meetings and goodwill which the Lott Carey Convention leaves in its wake. Let's do it again!

David C. Forbes

Senior Minister

Martin Street Baptist Church

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a senior administrator, is a tremendous step forward for St. Augustine's, and for us to be fortunate enough to secure the services of someone with the qualifications of Dr. Bridges is probably a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, in my estimation.

"Dr. Bridges brings a wealth of knowledge and academic background to St. Augustine's, benefiting our mission and the goals and objectives we grappled with to take St. Augustine's into the 21st century," Robinson added.

Board chairman Dr. Marshall Bass, retiring senior vice president of RJR Nabisco, said, "With the plans and directions we have established for St. Augustine's College's future, the president will need the freedom to plan and work closely with the vice president for development, as we work to find more innovative ways to locate funding to carry out those plans and programs. The position of provost will give our president that freedom. The position will also lend a great deal of added strength to our already reputable position in the field of higher education, while Dr. Bridges concentrates on the infrastructure and programs of the college."

INSIDE AFRICA

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January 1991, respectively.

What a betrayal this is for the erstwhile champions against racial bigotry! Surely, Britain can ill afford to be relegated to this amende honorable. And who would have believed, in the days of Harold McMillan and Winston Churchill, that the "Ruler of the Waves" would one day stoop down to become South Africa's partner in racial animosity? Apartheid is the world's most abhorred pariah and foe which Great Britain should shun and avoid conivance with. South Africa is the worst racist dictatorship this world has ever had.

In its recent press release, OAU categorically and unequivocally condemned Great Britain's going to play cricket in South Africa. It sees Britain's act as a dastardly betrayal to its fellow world nations with whom she waged a titanic and marathon battle against slavery and racism, until South Africa was expelled from the world's Olympic Games.

Now, OAU is mindful that the British cricket players going to play in South Africa are absolutely insensitive to the International Committee's condemnation of apartheid, and are acting in a way that only assists the Pretoria regime to break loose from its international isolation in all fields of endeavor, including sports. Worse still, this takes place at a time when South Africa is feeling the Sword of Damocles about to fall on its head.

The British players' myopic decision to go to South Africa against concerted world opposition shows contempt for the International Cricket Committee's agreement of January, which declared playing in South Africa a punishable crime.

OAU is also astounded by the shameful inclusion of two black cricketers in the English cricket team. How on earth can this tour be looked upon as a catalyst for breaking down racial barriers in sport, as South Africa claims?

In this regard, OAU, in its Olympian anger, rightly appeals to all anti-

apartheid movements around the globe to exert more pressure on the players to desist from touring South Africa.

True, mankind should end this British-oriented apple of discord among world nations by continuing to hector South Africa until she is squeezed out of participation in international sport. Mankind must close ranks, move forward, and halt apartheid in all ways possible before it dehumanizes humanity and embroils the world in a catastrophic conflict.

NAACP

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young people strolled the sidewalks and cars cruised bumper-to-bumper along Atlantic Avenue.

City officials said they had no choice but to use force to clear the streets. Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf said police acted with "extraordinary restraint."

"We will not tolerate lawlessness from anybody," said Oberndorf. "Let the word go out that Virginia beach will not stand by and watch as unruly individuals trash our city."

At a news conference Monday afternoon, city officials played police videotapes of the looting. But the tapes did not show police clearing students from the streets with riot batons Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Oberndorf said the situation was stable Monday and "we intend to keep it that way."

At least 13 young people and about 30 law enforcement officers were injured in the melee, officials said. Two men, ages 25 and 28, suffered gunshot wounds, and a third man was injured in a fall from a hotel balcony.

PROJECT PHOENIX

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crafts and storytelling to youngsters 6-12 years old. There is a \$10 registration fee for each child, and the program is supervised by Parks and Recreation Department workers.

City officials as well as law enforcement officers are hoping these activities will encourage young people who live in city housing projects to become involved in productive activities that will discourage participation in drugs. While these activities are taking place, undercover and uniformed police officers will be patrolling the areas surrounding the housing projects to make sure no drug activity can occur.

The city of Raleigh also plans to have street lights put up in public housing and offer programs designed to assist the educational development of youth and their parents. The Housing Authority will expand its afterschool youth tutorial program to focus on strategies to improve academic performance. The program will provide assistance in reading, math, language arts, and homework assignments to school-aged children.

The Raleigh Housing Authority is also implementing a scholarship fund with its main purpose being to assist college-bound youths and their parents with financial needs of attending college.

Other projects include: • Adult job training and placement. This is a program to help low-income adults develop skills for entry-level jobs. This program will be presented in conjunction with the Private Industry Council, the local Employment Security Commission and Wake Technical College.

• Drug education and crime prevention classes. These provide youth and adult educational training in drug prevention and crime preven-

• Community organization. This provides elected resident council members to improve the quality of life in public housing and to promote economic self-sufficiency for residents.

• Student tracking system. Designed to identify and prevent children from dropping out of school, to encourage children who have already dropped out of school to re-enter and to forge a partnership with the public school system to develop an early intervention program to identify at-risk students and the exchange of information on their youth.

WAGES

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dates."

The changes are as follows: "In wage disputes between an employer and a separated employee, the employee can now accept the employer's last paycheck without relinquishing his rights to pursue through the labor department and the courts any additional amount the employee claims is due.

Heretofore, the courts have ruled that an employee could refuse acceptance of the last paycheck and sue for his claim, but that if he accepted the employer's offer that constituted a settlement.

The Wage and Hour Division investigations generally have found that in about 50 percent of cases investigated the employees have legitimate claims for more than the settlement offered by the employer. However, employees are often forced to accept the employer's offer because of pressing monetary needs.

"Firms with two or less employees are no longer exempt from minimum wage and overtime provisions of the act. This brings virtually every employee in North Carolina who is not covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act under the protection of the North Carolina Wage and Hour Act.

"Firms which violate the record-keeping requirements of the act are now subject to monetary fines of \$250 per employee with a maximum fine of \$1,000 per investigation.

"An employer is required to make, keep and preserve records of wages, hours, and other conditions of employment that are essential to the enforcement of the act.

"Interest, at the legal rate, can now be collected on all unpaid wage claims that are settled in the employee's favor.

"North Carolina can now enter into reciprocal agreements with 18 other states with similar laws to pursue collection of claims and judgments for wages. Frequently, it is very difficult for North Carolina employees due wages from out-of-state employers to collect because the assets of the firm are located in another state. Now, if the firm is in a state with a reciprocal agreement with North Carolina, those claims can be collected by the labor department in that state and forwarded to the North Carolina claimants.

FRANK ROBERTS

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Current efforts Roberts has reportedly undertaken to deal with some of these ills include: Compiling the names of those black educators who have been the victims of such actions over the past five years, and, consequently, are no longer with our school system, have been denied equal employment opportunity for promotion or compensation, or now face dismissal from their employment.

Filing complaints with the N. C. State Bar Association for violations of the code of professional ethics by attorneys who are retained by the Wake County Board of Education, and, by some attorneys who have represented teachers in their employment difficulties with the public schools.

Filing a "Class Action" lawsuit, in either the federal or state courts, seeking proper disposition/legal redress of discriminatory employment actions that have denied black educators equal opportunities to pursue their professional careers. Wake County Schools have no "Affirmative Action".

Continuing legal action in the courts against NCAE-NEA-ACT to address the issues relating to the absence and/or the inadequate level of funds/services provided to members for "Quality Legal Representation" in employment difficulties.

Organizing a "Black African-American Coalition" (BAAC) of educators and citizens to address public school issues.

When quired about the scope of his crusade for a better Wake County School System, Roberts pointed out, "We're not solely concerned about what is happening to us as teachers, but also what is happening to our youngsters. A price is being exacted from our young people in expulsions and suspensions. They are our hope for the future."

Roberts also disclosed that he

hopes to gain momentum to further address these problems through community support. When asked if he felt that the black teachers in the area were behind him his response was, "100 percent!" He continued, "You have to understand that the school system holds the teacher in hostage. They see what is happening, know what is happening and want to address it. When they see it exposed they will come out of the woodwork."

A community forum as early as the third Sunday in September is in the works according to Roberts. It is at that gathering where he hopes to get additional impetus and support to address what he believes to be the unfavorable tide that threatens to pull both black teachers and students under.

REUNION

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and Jesse Jackson families while other stars and celebrities performed, partied and led discussions on the black diaspora, South Africa, hairstyles, politics, communications, sports, economics, labor, health and "our lost heritage" between sessions of the "electric slide."

The purpose of the BFR, Dr. Heigl said, is "to build upon the historical, traditional and cultural strengths of the black family; to facilitate self-help solutions to issues affecting all black families; and to create an umbrella by which government, public and private institutions, corporations, community-based organizations, the media and concerned individuals could work together on family-related issues."

The gala activities began with an ecumenical prayer breakfast, followed by the opening of 15 colorful pavilions featuring entertainment, gospel singing, concerts, fashion shows, beauty care demonstrations, health fairs, exhibitions, performing arts, workshops, ethnic displays and culinary delights.

Discussion leaders included D.C. Chief of Police Isaac Fulwood, Ms. King, Dr. Betty Shabazz, Abena Walker, Lavonia Perryman Fairfax, Ms. Rolle, corporate exec Glegg Watson, Ofield Dukes, Department of Corrections Director Walter Ridley, Dr. Jawanz Kunjufu and Rep. Fauntroy, among others.

Rep. Fauntroy, who opened the 19th Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend with a Youth Summit of "a new generation of black leaders," began the BFR week in Washington with a Labor Day "Fauntroy Family Picnic" earlier featuring Rev. Jackson and Bill Cosby kicking off a "back-to-school campaign" for the entire metropolitan area of D.C., Virginia and Maryland. Mayor Marion Barry officially welcomed Jackson as a new resident of the city and urged the crowd to "do what Jesse and his wife [Jacquelyne] did when they came to town, register to vote." Jackson later said, "We have our own agenda. We're not going to let the media tell us what to do."

"It was a great event," said the ever-generous Fauntroy. "The only thing I hate is the Fauntroy family lost our annual softball game to Mayor Barry's Army 16-13, although I got two hits..."

CELEBRATION

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only admission cost; 3 canned goods per family member, stated Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray, BBS Chairman of the Board. Everything else was free, including the picnic lunch, and other activities including storytelling, music, dancing, games and the community information center, coordinated by Cash Michaels, a community media personality. He coordinated this segment and did a live broadcast,

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which aired recently on the "Effects of Drugs on Our Community and our Children." The teenagers, parents, grandparents, and concerned citizens including teachers, correctional counselors, attorneys, social workers and professionals all shared their ideas and concerns in combating this dreaded plague in our communities, especially as it effects many of the housing facilities that seem under siege. Mrs. Murray said, "What impresses me most is the fact that there was no generation gap or status trap that so often keeps us from coming together to work in a productive manner to solve our own problems in an amicable fashion." She also was impressed by the profound and productive responses of the teenagers who challenged the adults to listen to them more and try to understand the peer pressure they are put under in being introduced to drugs. Additionally, the money factor that is so enticing to even the four and five-year-olds that often times now are acting as look-out men for the police in order to warn the drug pushers. Also, so many sincere responses and experiences were shared in the Community Roundtable Discussion by persons who had experienced and experimented with drugs and how they changed their lifestyles.

The "Storytelling Hour" was enjoyed immensely by the young children, who were given a childhood history of our outstanding personalities and their achievements, who are role-models for us to emulate for a more enriching future. Dr. Ilu

Moses gave an outstanding perspective of African American heritage and reflected on the contributions of yesterday, as well as today. She challenged us to appreciate each other more.

Next year we are looking forward to having a greater Labor of Love Celebration which will include more of the community. We hope to recognize all those who have made it, against the odds and who are working hard to give back more to our communities. Arts and Crafts, audio and visual presentations, clothing designs will be added. We also hope to have cake baking, pickling and preserving, and science projects. BBS invites community input.

Attempted Rape

Raleigh police and Crime Stoppers are asking for help to solve an attempted rape that occurred Aug. 29.

Police report a man entered an apartment at Walnut Creek Apartments in Southwest Raleigh by climbing through a bedroom window at about 20 minutes after midnight. Police said the man attempted to sexually assault the resident.

The attacker was described as a white male, 25 to 28 years old, 5'9" tall and weighing 170 pounds.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 834-HELP. Callers need not give their names or testify in court, and they could be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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