

MLK Breakfast

(Continued from Page 2) not have been in vain had we walked away with zero trophies. It's a good thing. We had a good day."

Four individuals who participated in the parade and attended the breakfast shared their perspective about celebrating the King holiday over the past weekend. Rebecca Park said, "I participated in the parade with Delta Sigma Theta Inc., and the parade was well attended... every year it's getting that much better. I loved the diversity that I saw in the parade. And the breakfast today is just another exciting event to see people come out and share in this moment."

Janet Hurd from Parents Citywide indicated, "We were one of the attendees at



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King parade co-chairman Ricki Barlow presents Booker Elementary Principal Beverly Mathis with one of the school's three 1st-place trophies during Monday's banquet.

the parade with the DECA School, and we collaborated with them to represent the

Muslims

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To help combat discrimination against Muslim-Americans, Ali has been reaching out to other minorities for support-particularly African-Americans.

The American Muslim Council reported that 42 percent of all Muslims in the U.S. are African-American.

"They really lived it before us," he said "We might get some strength from them, and some guidance."

Griggs says that the discrimination that Muslim-Americans have received is no different from the unfair-

ness that he has witnessed as an African-American.

"That special treatment has been expanded towards Islamic people," he said, sarcastically.

CAIR also pointed out that the increase of anti-Muslim rhetoric, which often portrays Muslims as enemies of the U.S., and the USA Patriot Act contributed to the sharp increase in reported incidents.

Griggs knows a number of Muslims who have been harassed and denied privileges and access to certain places.

But rather than retreat

from public view, Griggs said that community involvement, such as clothing and food giveaways, and free health clinics by the Community Mosque help to give Muslims a positive image.

"We are American citizens, and we have the right like anybody else living in this country," said Allamadani. "What makes America great is that everybody comes from different backgrounds and different countries. Everyone should have equal rights."

Melde Rutledge writes for the Carolina Peacemaker.

Parity

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Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields said that she has established an advisory board that will ensure woman- and minority-owned businesses are utilized if the Jets get the official go-ahead to build a new stadium in the city.

"Minority- and woman-owned businesses must participate meaningfully in the redevelopment of Manhattan's West Side," said Fields, who is widely considered to be a

candidate in this year's mayoral race.

The conference was not free of controversy. A small group of protesters with the organization Black United Fund of New York held a protest outside the Hilton New York Hotel during Spitzer's talk. They allege that he actively worked to dismantle the Northeastern Urban League and "sensationalized the investigation" of fraud at Hale House.

Jennifer H. Cunningham writes for the Amsterdam News.

Thatcher

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stances where he should have exercised more caution." Thatcher, a businessman and former race car driver who has been accused of trading on his name, has faced legal difficulties before.

In the United States, where he married in 1987, Thatcher settled a civil racketeering lawsuit for an undisclosed sum and faced charges from the Internal Revenue Service stemming from a role with a home security company that went bankrupt.

He was scrutinized by Britain's Parliament in 1994 over reports that he was in-

involved in arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Iraq while his mother was prime minister — allegations he denied.

Margaret Thatcher also was forced to answer questions in Parliament about her son's involvement in a British company's successful bid for a \$600 million contract with a university in Oman just after she made an official visit there.

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school on Saturday. The students were excited to be a part of the parade and they understood the meaning of celebrating this wonderful day and paying tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his fight for civil rights for all people. [This breakfast] is another opportunity to give thanks for all that Dr. King has done."

Kasina Boone, the CCSD Northwest Step Coordinator stated, "I thought the parade was very positive. All the children seemed to have a wonderful time. The change

that I saw from last year — with the parade starting on time — was appreciated, and we always want to do things in a timely manner." She continued with a suggestion: "One thing that I would like to see next year is that they number the participants singularly... not with an 'A' or 'B' selection following a numbered entrance. Today's event was really nice." Tamara Whitworth from radio station V-108 echoed, "The parade and today's [breakfast] event were very well done. The parade was a

lot longer than last year, but, overall, the crowd, the activities and all of the entrants in the parade were wonderful along with the breakfast today. It was nice seeing people coming together and mingling together, being together, this is what it's all about."

It's likely the committee and the all the parade participants will rest for a short time, and then start planning for next year's celebrations which promise to garner even greater participation and community pride.

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