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Jackson Investigators Raid Counterfeiters

NEW YORK — Police and private investigators hired by the company that markets Michael Jackson memorabilia raided a Manhattan store and confiscated 452 counterfeit T-shirts bearing the superstar singer's likeness, authorities said.

The raid, executed Sunday with a federal warrant, also netted five heat-transfer machines used to make the T-shirts, said Bud Mills, a

spokesman for AZ Investigating Services.

No arrests were made, but the raiding party encountered five men who had locked themselves inside the building, Mills said.

Mills' agency was hired by Entertainers Merchandise Management Corp., legal distributors of Michael Jackson items.

"We're trying to go after individuals at the source" of the counterfeit trade, Mills said. "We've been into this case for over a month."

CAMPFIRES RESTRICTED ON MT. CHARLESTON

A special Forest Service order restricting the use of campfires, camp stoves, charcoal, cigarettes, and other flammables went into effect Friday, May 25. The fire restriction order, issued by Forest Supervisor, Jim Nelson, will apply to the National Forestlands at Mt. Charleston. Lody Smith, State Forester for Nevada Division of Forestry, has issued a similar restriction applying to private properties.

All "open" flames or campfires are prohibited except in grills or grates that are provided in camp or picnic sites. Smoking is also restricted to vehicles, recreation sites, buildings, or clearings. A violation is punishable with fines up to \$500 and 6-month imprisonment.

Bob Wize, local District Ranger for the U.S.

Forest Service, said that extreme fire danger may continue for some time. "It will take considerable rain before the danger will decrease," said Wize. "The severity is due to limited snowfall during the winter, plus record-breaking temperatures the past few weeks."

The U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and the Volunteer Fire Department patrolled Memorial Day weekend to assist visitors, enforce the restrictions, and help prevent a wildfire.

Everyone is asked to help protect the mountain by following these restrictions. Report any unsafe fires or wildfires immediately to the nearest forest or law enforcement officer or office.

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but not just for you, as you have often said after a ring victory, but for America.

TOMORROW'S HEADLINES: Lee Wood, Nat'l. Operations Coordinator of the Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery, dampened a 20-center to inform that his group expects to register close to 365,000 eligible incarcerated voters before the '84 polling time. He added to this knowledge box the fact that prisoners "don't exercise their right to vote because it isn't made available to them." Approximately 47% of U.S. prisoners are black or other minorities . . . George Wein is pulling any hairs he can find seeking new ideas to properly orchestrate his Cool Jazz Fest's "A Party for the Count." Originally it was cast before the Count's final note and was billed to star him and his ork, featuring appearances by many of his best loved alumni. While on that key, there is talk about musical circles that there are those who would love for Joe Williams to lead the Basie band . . . What is this about Stevie Wonder'-ful plotting a musical journey through Egypt and is on the verge of hitting the sponsored tour concert trail for a lesser known soda pop maker . . . Veteran news guy Vincent Tubbs will be riding press shot-gun for Sidney Poitier when he comes to town month's end to do some

flicker making . . . Pals are trying to get to the bottom of the report.

THE WRITE PEOPLE: It's quite a contrast, but the billing has the excitement of a very good show. It certainly has marquee appeal, "Jerry's Girls," starring Carol Channing and Leslie Uggams along with Andrea McArdle. The star trio has the proper showcase. A six-wks. fling as the attraction in the '84 Eisenhower Theatre Season subscription series. Sounds like it just might be worth the shuttle flight back to the presidential city . . .

Atlantic Records is wild about the original motion picture soundtrack of "Beat Street." It's now ready for worldwide release and Harry Belafonte, who produced the flicker, which he calls the first authentic, in-depth look at the "hip-hop" phenomenon to be put on film, is as over-joyed as a kid with a grand new toy. But if you think he's got some thrills, talk to Henry Allen, prexy of Cotillion Records, who spent several wks on the set with him. Then too he has just been told that the Radio Programmers have selected him to receive their Award of Excellence at a ceremony in Hosuton Satdee . . . **STAY LOOSE.** . . . Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

JACOB

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black women family heads with children are poor; only about two-fifths of similar white families are poor. That tells us race is as important as the gender of the head of the household.

Whites also have had similar growth in teen pregnancies and in female headed households. Their rise in recent years may be large, but they still are a relatively small part of the white community. And they aren't penalized to the extent black families are.

Black people simply can't afford the added disadvantages in a society in which intact families have a head start over the rest.

It seems to me that the statistics indicate that intact families give children a head start in life; that two earners are better than one; that a liveable income is better than poverty, and that the advantages of stable family life are better than the disadvantages of growing up poor in one-parent households.

No one should fall into the trap of addressing our black family's struggles as pathological.