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**WAAK-UP THREATENS TO RESUME SCHOOL DISTRICT BOYCOTT**

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Westside Action Alliance Korps-Uplifting People (WAAK-UP) reported Wednesday that they may boycott the Clark County School District for the second time this year, due to what the group called, a failure on the part of the district to commit to end busing of black students.

School District officials met with WAAK-UP all day Wednesday according to the groups spokesman, Chester Richardson.

At a school board meeting on Tuesday, August 25, WAAK-UP representatives read a list of seven demands and said parents participating in the boycott were prepared to set up a totally separate school system if necessary.

The list of demands included such

items as adult monitors on school buses, after school and weekend access to playgrounds at sixth grade centers, sensitivity training classes for school district teachers, and at least five new schools built in West Las Vegas within a year period, to name a few.

WAAK-UP ended their initial boycott, which lasted two weeks, on September 4, after School Superintendent Brian Cram expressed his willingness to discuss the districts 20-year-old busing policies. Close to 180 students stayed home from school during the protest.

As talks resumed Thursday, officials from both sides were hopeful the issue would be resolved, however, in the event negotiations failed, WAAK-UP said they were still contemplating

the possibility of a one-day boycott on Friday, which just happens to be the school district's official count day where school enrollment is calculated for funding purposes.

WAAK-UP officials have not kept it a secret, that they hope to hit the school district where it hurts most, the pocket-book, by pulling the students out of school.

Cram said he was surprised and disappointed when he heard of the possibility that the boycott may resume. "The real losers in this issue will be the students who may miss school unnecessarily," he said.

Cram met with members of WAAK-UP earlier this week, and said he left feeling the two sides had made progress and were in agreement on the



WAAK-UP President, Marzette Lewis (far left), is joined by (L-R) WAAK-UP's Deborah Jackson, Rev. S.S. Rogers of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, and Chester Richardson, the group's spokesman, at a recent news conference regarding the boycott of the Clark County School District.

Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

most important issues. Cram also said that he promised the group that in the very near future he would present to them, a plan which would return first thru third graders to African American

neighborhood schools by the beginning of next school year. Currently, because of federal racial integration quotas, students are bused out of WLVS for 11 of their 12 school years.

**REV. JESSE JACKSON KICKS OFF DEMOCRATIC PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN**

Washington, D.C. — CNS — The Rev. Jesse Jackson has launched a nationwide, grassroots campaign to register blacks for the November presidential, congressional and local elections.

The announcement of Jackson's heading a Democratic Party Voter Mobilization Drive was jointly made by Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Ronald H. Brown and Jackson over the Labor Day Weekend.

Of critical concern to Brown and Jackson has been a decline in the participation of Blacks in presidential elections. Political experts have indicated that the black vote will be decisive in determining the outcome of the 1992 presidential election in southern states and northern urban areas.

In a formal statement issued after his meeting with Brown, Rev. Jackson said, "I am delighted to respond affirmatively to Chairman Brown's invitation to participate in this Democratic National Committee venture to register new voters and mobilize them on behalf of the Democratic Party and its candidates. I will be working hard to elect Bill Clinton and Al Gore, to elect Democratic senators and House members, as well as Democratic candidates to state legislatures and local offices."

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REV. JESSE JACKSON (left) and Ronald H. Brown, the first Black Chairman of the Democratic Party, shake hands after Rev. Jackson agreed to head a special campaign on behalf of the Democratic Party to register new voters and mobilize voter turnout for the November elections.

**PATRICIA BUFORD PASSES AT AGE 32**

Patricia Anne Buford, 32, died Thursday, September 10, 1992 at home amongst family and friends. The native Nevadan was the first Leap Year baby born at Sunrise Hospital.

At an early age, Patricia knew that her passion for modeling was not only going to be a dream, but a reality. She also knew that education would play a major role in her life. In 1978 she completed her high school education at Chaparral High School and went on to UNLV. While in college, she began her modeling career, on a serious level, by signing with the Lenz Modeling Agency.

As a model/actress, Pat has traveled extensively overseas and throughout the U.S. doing TV and commercials, and runway modeling for designers such as Bob Mackie, Yves St. Laurent, Oscar De La Renta and famous Black designer Patrick Kelly.

After winning a nationally known contest, Pat packed her bags and decided to travel to numerous cities known for modeling. After much success, she began to think seriously of pursuing an acting career. Unfortu-



**PATRICIA ANNE BUFORD**

nately, just as she was ascending to the top of her career, tragedy struck as she was diagnosed as having cervical cancer.

None the less, Patricia Anne Buford's goals were to continue her career in modeling and begin her training in acting. When time permitted, she intended to give back to the community by utilizing the knowledge she had acquired to teach young girls, in the community, the skills (See Buford Passes, Page 5)

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