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**REYNOLDS CONVICTED
 IN SEX CASE**

CHICAGO — Illinois Congressman Mel Reynolds has been convicted on all 12 counts in his sexual misconduct case. A Chicago jury returned the verdict Tuesday evening, after 13 hours of deliberations over two days. Reynolds was indicted on charges stemming from a sexual affair with a 16-year-old campaign worker. Reynolds testified that he had phone sex with the young woman, but he denied ever having sex with her. The 43-year-old two-term Democrat faces a minimum of four years in prison. A maximum sentence on all of the charges could add up to an 86-year prison term. He'll be sentenced on Sept. 12. His lawyer says Reynolds will appeal. Reynolds could lose his seat in the House.

MAN CHARGED IN BRIDGE DEATH

DETROIT — Detroit police have charged a 19-year-old man with second degree murder for allegedly attacking a woman and chasing her until she jumped to her death from a bridge on Saturday. Police say Martell Welch of Detroit used a jack stand to smash the windows of the 33-year-old victim's car and then ripped her clothing as he dragged her out of the vehicle on a bridge over the Detroit River. They say he then beat her with his fists. Police say the woman fled from her attacker and probably jumped off the bridge in an attempt to escape. Welch pleaded not guilty.

**HILL RESUMES TEACHING AT
 LAW SCHOOL**

OKLAHOMA — Anita Hill returned to teaching Tuesday despite a University of Oklahoma official's memo earlier this year that said she would resign from the Law School faculty. Hill, whose accusation of sexual harassment almost derailed the nomination of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in 1991, is teaching a course on race and racism and one on contracts. Hill, 39, was on an unpaid leave from her \$66,000-a-year post to write two books for a New York publisher, reportedly for more than \$1 million.

'Million Man March' To Pave New Path For Black Community

Nichole Davis

Take a moment and mark Oct. 16th on your calendar.

If organizers are right, it will be the day the Nation of Islam and other community groups will come together and organize a new path for the Black community beginning with the Million Man March.

Organizers hope the March will bring together at least one million Black men from around the country to Washington D.C. The purpose is two-fold. It's a day of atonement for Black men for not shouldering their responsibilities in our community and it's intended as a demonstration of political strength, local organizers say.

"In the past, the Democrats, and now the Republicans, have always taken our vote for granted," said Minister Duke X of Muhammed's Mosque #75. "They have always had the pleasure of receiving our votes but never giving us anything in return."

Organizers ask all Black men that are able to do so to come to Washington D.C. to march. They also ask those who are not able to make the trip to observe the "holy day" at home.

No shopping. No work. No involvement outside the house. No involvement with anything except family. The purpose is to show the world what it would be like without Blacks.

They would even like to see all Black children kept home from school that day. Children would be educated on the value of unity.

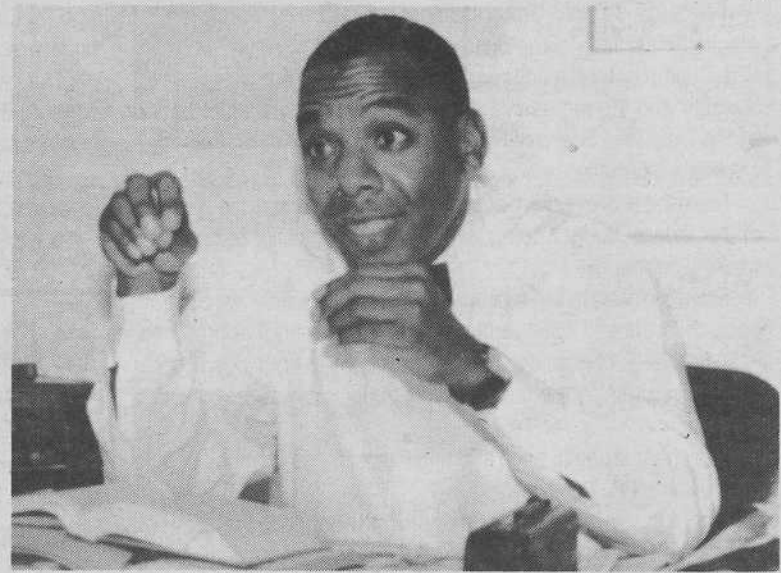
Said Min. X, "We have to be willing to make a sacrifice on that day, because it will benefit the community as a whole."

The sacrifice, organizers hope, will translate into unity, which in turn will then translate into power.

"If you've got one million men — in reality more than one million because you've also got the support of those who are in their respective cities at home — no longer will they be able to take our vote for granted. We're going to make them address our agenda from this day forward starting with the '96 presidential campaign and candidates," continued Min. X.

Local promotions for the Million Man March, which is set to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, includes a rally on Saturday, Aug. 26th at the Muhammed's Mosque, 1402 D St. (near Jackson.) The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for the event and it's scheduled to last from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

A Tribute to the Black Man is scheduled to be held Sep. 8th at the (See MARCH, Page 10)



Resident Minister for Muhammad Mosque #75 in Las Vegas Nevada, Duke X, stresses the importance of unity and brotherhood in the upcoming Million Men March. PHOTO BY SAVOY / LVS-VOICE

The HUD Man Has Arrived

By Victor S. Ingram

His office is filled with mementos of his 30-plus years in the federal government's housing agency. Paul Pradia, 56, arrived to Las Vegas in January to assume control of the Nevada division of the federal government's department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The President Johnson era agency is the nucleus for all federally sponsored housing programs and community block grants. The agency became a capstone project of Johnson's war on poverty in ensuring that every American had adequate housing. Pradia, as Nevada's coordinator, oversees local HUD activities which encompass hundreds-of-millions of dollars with a degree of calmness and serenity. Small built, yet remarkably resilient, he has a resume

which includes a tour as a US Army commissioned officer paratrooper. He was a commissioned Second Lieutenant during the early 1960s when it was far from fashionable to be a black officer in the military; there were less than 500 in the Army at that period, according to Pradia.

A graduate of Southern University, he proudly wears a timepiece which displays his fraternity Omega Psi Phi. Soon after graduation, he joined the military as an infantry officer. A disagreement with his commanding officer would foster a dislike for the (See HUD, Page 10)



PAUL PRADIA

Back-to-School Carnival a Success

Frontier Girl Scout Council hosted a Back-to-School Carnival on Friday, August 18 at the Herbert Gerson housing development in West Las Vegas. Approximately 225 boys and girls of every school age were on hand to take part in various games of skill in a carnival setting and win needed back-to-school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, binders, rulers, scissors, dictionaries, etc. Clowns were also present to entertain, face paint and tie-off balloons in favorite animal shapes. Children from the Meadows Village area behind the Stratosphere Tower, as well as the



Doolittle Community Center, were also bussed in to take part in the special event. Lunch was provided for all in attendance.

Cal Pac Returns To Las Vegas

By Victor S. Ingram

More than 450 delegates from the California Package Liquor Association held their Regional Convention Sunday, August 20 through Wednesday, August 23. The convention featured a host of activities including business meetings, guest speakers, a banquet, and after-hours mixer at West Las Vegas taverns. The annual event marks the 19th year California tavern and package liquor store owners have brought the event to Las Vegas. The group exerts political as well as economical influence as California ranks high in alcohol consumption for the United States—some estimates place figures at \$32 billion.

minority participation in beverage management and fairness to minorities in the industry, according to organization treasurer Ernest Bryant. Bryant says the group, which was formed in 1961, was a response to inadequate representation in hiring and management from major alcohol and soft drink distributors. The group now boasts of securing in-roads for minorities at truck driver and vice president levels. "Boycotts resulted in the hiring of blacks in the industry," says Bryant. The group relies on the economic power blacks bring to the beverage industry for its political leverage. "We buy a lot of products so as a result we should be represented in that industry." (See CAL-PAC, Page 10)

The group strives to increase