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M.L.K. YOUTH COMMITTEE HOSTS AN ANTI-VIOLENCE RALLY

Organizers estimate that about 100 people attended the Stop the Violence Rally! hosted by the Martin Luther King Jr. (M.L.K.) Youth Committee Saturday at the M.L.K. Center at 1316 Morgan Street.

Said rally coordinator Vanessa King-Thompson, "We had a lot of kids voicing their opinions about problems in the greater Las Vegas community. We have kids from Cheyenne and other high schools where shootouts occurred during the football season this year. We have a lot of kids not participating in the violent acts suffering the repercussions of not being able to have get togethers, social events or gatherings of this sort without some kind of negative publicity.

M.L.K. Jr. Committee founder and Assemblymen Wendell P. Williams, Reverend McCall from Second Baptist Church and Nation of Islam Minister Demetrius X were the adult speakers.

The program was part of YOUTH ACT '95 (Youth Organizing Unity Through Harmony All Coming Together).

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ PILLOW CASE RAPIST NOT REGISTERED BY 48 HOUR DEADLINE

Metropolitan Police Sergeant Greg McCurdy reports that Reginald Muldrew, the Pillowcase Rapist, had not registered as a sex offender as of 3:29 p.m. Wednesday. Muldrew had until 3:49 p.m. to do so or he is guilty of a misdemeanor if he is found in the Silver State.

He would be in violation of state law should he remain in the Silver State.

Muldrew had been called the pillow case rapist, because he put pillowcases over the heads

of his victims and often used knives to keep them quiet. He has been implicated in the over 200 rapes in California. Though he failed two mental health examinations within the last year, Muldrew was released from prison earlier this week. He had finished serving 16 years of a 25 year prison term.

Though Muldrew had nine years of his sentence taken off for good behavior, Christine May, a prison spokesperson, said he is still dangerous.

"He suffers from a mental disorder that makes him a danger to others and for which treatment is not available in the community," she said.

Las Vegas Police followed Muldrew to a downtown hotel but legally could not follow him beyond that.

"We're not following him," said McCurdy. "We have no reason to follow him."

Police are uncertain of Muldrew's whereabouts.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ AMELIA ISLAND BLACKS FIGHT TO STAVE OFF ENCROACHING DEVELOPERS

AMERICAN BEACH, Fla.- Black residents of Amelia Island are fighting tooth and nail to keep a developer from buying up the land around them. Amelia Beach used to be the home of a successful resort catered to Blacks before desegregation laws were put into place.

After desegregation, Blacks from the mainland stopped coming to the island to vacation, and the area died a slow death. That was until the Amelia Island Company under the name Sea Pines Co. developed the Sea Pines Plantations, a 1250 acre attraction that boasts a wildly successful and mainly white frequented resort. The company plans to build single family homes and a golf course on an 80 acre tract of land centrally located near the American Beach.

Residents fear that the "improvements" will tax them out of their homes and destroy forever a piece of black history. Residents are supporting the efforts of MaVynne Betsch, the granddaughter of one the founders, to prevent the Sea Pines Co. from redeveloping the area, which now has only 12 year round residents. They are banking on having the area deemed a historic site status, a long shot by any standard.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILLION MAN MARCH ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCE A MILLION FAMILY MARCH

Ben Chavis, former executive director of the NAACP, announced earlier this week that a Million Family March will be held in Washington D.C. next year to commemorate the first anniversary of the march.

The Nation of Islam will also sponsor the event which is expected to be honored worldwide.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE THE LEGALITY OF RACE BASED DISTRICTS

The Supreme Court began consideration of two cases affecting the establishment of race based districts. Black political activists contend the cases, from Texas and North Carolina, could erase black faces from Congress if the practice of constructing districts composed predominantly with blacks is ruled unconstitutional.

"If we lose these cases, the Congressional Black Caucus will be able to meet the seat of a taxicab," said Ted Shaw of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

In drawing the districts together pockets of blacks are pulled in sometimes unusual geographic patterns. In the past the court has been skeptical of remedies for discrimination that take race into account—such as affirmative action programs that

give minorities a boost in hiring.

The districts at stake are those that elected Democrats Eva Clayton and Mel Watt of North Carolina, and Sheila Jackson Lee, Gene Green and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas. All except Green are African-Americans.

The districts were challenged by white voters who claimed the districts were drawn specifically to amass black voters, amounting to political apartheid denied by the Constitution.

But supporters argue that redistricting is always messy, takes many factors into account and often produces oddly shaped districts that help whites as well.

They also say that as long as whites remain largely unwilling to vote for black candidates, some concentration of black voters is necessary to keep Congress integrated.

"Without these districts, you're not going to have minority representation in Congress. It's that simple," said Watt of North Carolina.

These cases mark the third time in as many years that the high court has examined the issue of race based districting, and they expected to render their decision this summer.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ EDDIE MURPHY GETS SUPREME COURT SUPPORT

The Supreme Court decided not to consider the *National Enquirer* right to print an accurate story about actor Eddie Murphy, his illegitimate son and the boy's mother. The court let stand a lower California court ruling.

WAAK-UP Protest of Prep Basketball Game Postponed

By Nichole Davis
Sentinel-Voice

WAAK-UP (Westside Action Alliance Korps Uplifting People) will postpone a protest of the first home game for the Durango High School's Mens Varsity Basketball team scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8, 1995.

"They (Durango High School Administrators) told us the game would be Dec. 5, 1995. They gave us a bad date during the meeting we had with them Nov. 21," said WAAK-UP founder Marzette Lewis. "We found out that it wasn't a home game it was an away game."

"This is not over," continued Lewis. "We're compiling more information on some of the personnel at Durango."

So many people are coming forward talking now that we want to get all of our information straight. We don't have all of our evidence together yet, and we know there's even more of it out there. We don't want to come out in front of cameras half steppin'."

This wasn't the only reason the protest was postponed. Protest organizer and WAAK-UP member LaDonna Gordon, the mother of Keenan Gordon, has decided not to attend the protest, because she fears a mudslinging battle would erupt between her and Dr. Roxane Clark-Murphy, the mother of Durango's star player Ra'oof Baker Sadat, who is also black.

Gordon reached this decision after hearing of a letter written to Principal Allen Coles by Clark-Murphy, coles of which were sent to Superintendent Brian Cram, Durango High School Athletic Director Larry McKay and the Clark County School Board. The four page letter at best could be described as venomous revealing a host of private information about the family and conflicts they have handled in the past.

This is how Clark-Murphy opened the letter: "I am outraged at the vicious and unfounded attack on Coach Alan LaRocque by LaDonna Gordon, mother of Keenan Gordon... At the present I will address the slanderous, myopic albeit opprobrious condemnations that have been slung at Alan LaRocque."

In the next page, she defined racism, defended LaRocque against charges of racism, briefly described her activities during the 60s to give herself credibility, and professed her adoration for her children. Then, she attacked LaDonna Gordon.

"It is obvious that Mrs. Gordon sees her child as a 'natural' in the sports arena," said Clark-Murphy in one section. "No one will deny his precociousness. However, it has strange ways of showing itself. To brag to a fellow parent that your fifteen year old has used a giant sized package of condoms (LaDonna Gordon to myself) in two months, fails to meet my test of what is appropriate. To have her son's sexual exploits in the school bathrooms repeated throughout the Valley by other disbelieving students does not qualify him as a spokesperson for Durango or any other school; just the contrary," the woman wrote.

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