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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

MLK youth travel to Atlanta

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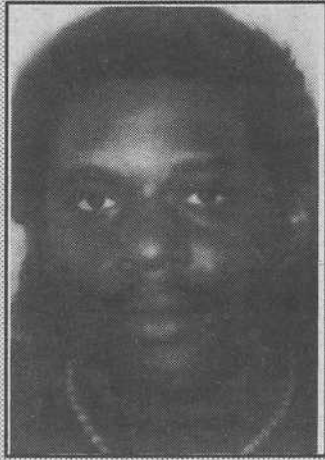
Thirty-eight teen-agers from two Martin Luther King Jr. Center programs will travel to Atlanta Friday to tour mainstream and historically black colleges and universities.

Teen-agers from the Choices for the Future program and the M.L.K. Youth Committee will tour nearly a dozen Southern colleges and historical landmarks during the seven-day trip, said M.L.K. Center Program Coordinator Vanessa Thompson.

Spelman College, Morehouse College and the Georgia Institute of Technology are three schools youth will visit. A tour of the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began his ministry, historic Stone Mountain where the Confederate soldiers camped during the Civil War, the Coca Cola world headquarters and plant, and the CNN headquarters is also planned.

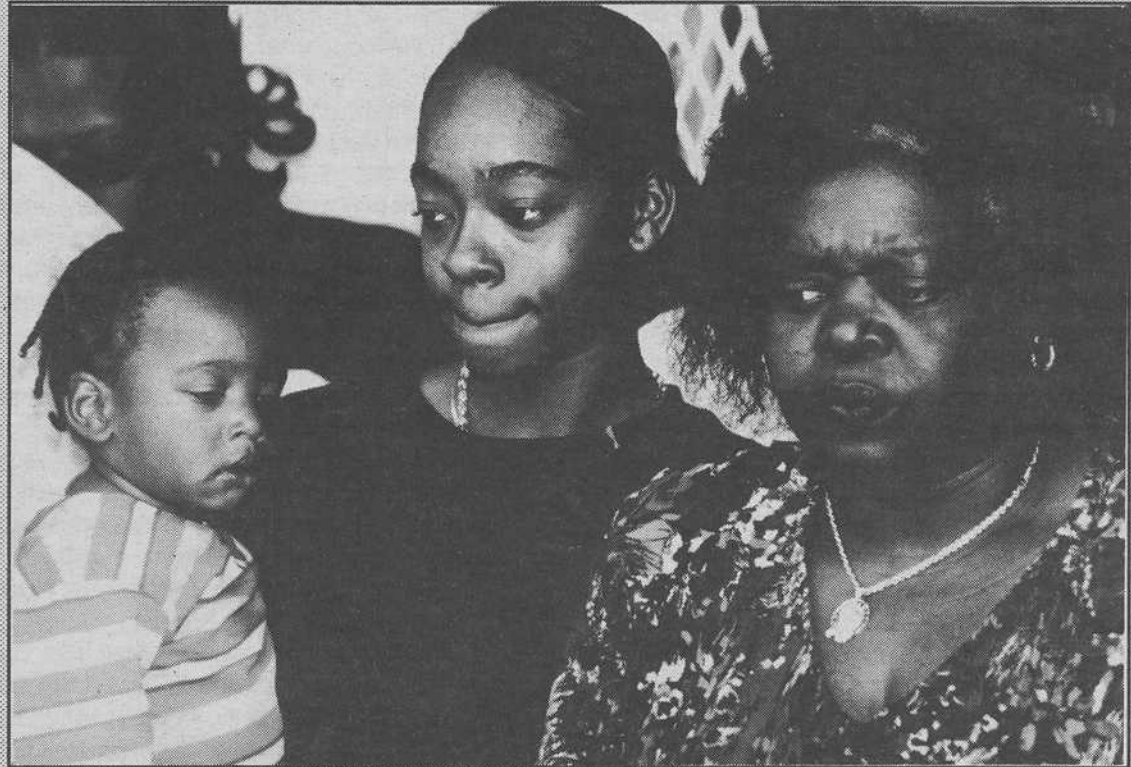
Organizers also said Atlanta - the host city of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games - is an important place for youth to visit, because a large number of successful black professionals live in the area.

"I hope the youth will bring back a different outlook on what's achievable and what's obtainable in their lives, because Atlanta has such a wide range of different African-American
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David Robinson (above) is mourned by members of his family, (at right) his son, Davlon; fiancée, Kizzy Davis; and mother, Jessie May Jackson mourn his loss during a press conference last Thursday.

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Grieving family calls for more CPR

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When David Carlos Robinson, 22, collapsed on the basketball court at the Doolittle Community Center March 18, his family wasn't worried about CPR, but they are now.

Robinson, a trucking student, had finished playing an early afternoon basketball game when he complained about knee pains. He left the court and sat down in a chair. Within minutes he collapsed clutching his chest and bleeding from his mouth, witnesses said.

Patrick Smith, a friend and fellow player, rushed to the office to call 9-1-1. "Participant was checked for breathing and pulse by Phil Thompson (the center coordinator) and CPR was administered after there was not a pulse and participant was not breathing," according to Thompson's incident report. Transcripts from Smith's 9-1-1 call confirm his report.

Mercy Ambulance arrived within minutes and attempted unsuccessfully to revive Robinson. He was declared dead on arrival to the University

Medical Center, the family said.

Robinson's family called a press conference in front of the center March 21 where they called on the community to learn about CPR formally known as cardio pulmonary resuscitation.

An autopsy is being performed to determine Robinson's exact cause of death, but his family feels adequate resuscitation techniques could have save his life. Robinson, according to his family, did not have heart problems, did not use drugs and lived an upstanding lifestyle.

They hope the community will heed their warning and sign up for classes. "This community really needs to know about CPR," said Jerry Robinson, the victim's older brother.

On a typical day, more than 300 people use the Doolittle Community Center, at 1901 N. J St., for its game room, weight room and a pool along with the indoor basketball court.

Like all city employees, staff are trained by contractors from the American
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Hundreds seek jobs at Enterprise Fair

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Despite brisk, chilly winds, West Las Vegas residents braved the less than cooperative weather and packed the Von's parking lot, near the corner of Owens and H Street, to search for future employment during the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Career Day and Job Fair March 23.

Organizers, who anticipated about 200 job seekers, said they were pleasantly surprised by the turnout and "overwhelmed" by the community's participation.

"Advertising was pretty good," said Donna Albert, a 23-year-old West Las Veagan "I saw flyers everywhere I went. This job fair should help a lot of people."

Opening doors of opportunity is what

the career day and job fair was all about, according to Debbie Conway, project coordinator, who said the four-hour event was just one of the ways her organization hopes to sow the seeds of fruitful economic development.

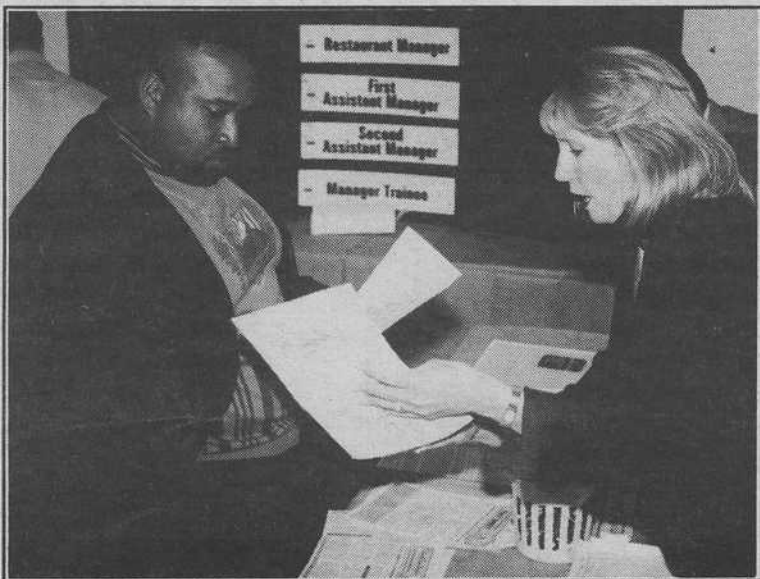
"Through a collaborative effort with Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, county, and state governments, we hope to enrich the community by not only creating jobs, but also by bringing businesses in, so we can strengthen the jobbase," explained Conway. "Many area residents don't have the transportation to reach potential employers. This was our way of bringing the employers to them, so everyone could have access."

Dupree Davis, married with five children, was one of the few hundred who chose to capitalize on that access.

Davis, who is presently employed, was one of several who were in the hunt for better-paying jobs.

"I need something that can better support my family and me," Davis said. "It's depressing for a man when he wants to do things for his family and he can't do them because he doesn't have the money or the chance to make more money. I know there's a job here for me and I'm not going to leave until I find it."

Davis' persistence was almost universal among the day's participants who interacted with perspective employers who appeared equally upbeat. Kevin Woods, chief logistics officer of southern Nevada's National Guard and vice-chairman of Clark County's Republican Party, was one of those anxious to interact with the fair's
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A potential applicant receives information from a City of Las Vegas representative during Saturday's job fair held at Magic's Westland Plaza.

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