

Community groups to walk for peace

By Jocelyn Scott

North Las Vegas City Councilman John Rhodes along with the Las Vegas Weed & Seed staff will join the national effort to stop the violence and increase the peace with an upcoming community walk.

Stop The Violence Increase The Peace Walk Against Violence will be held Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School, 2651 Revere and ending at the Doolittle Community Center, 1901 N. J St.

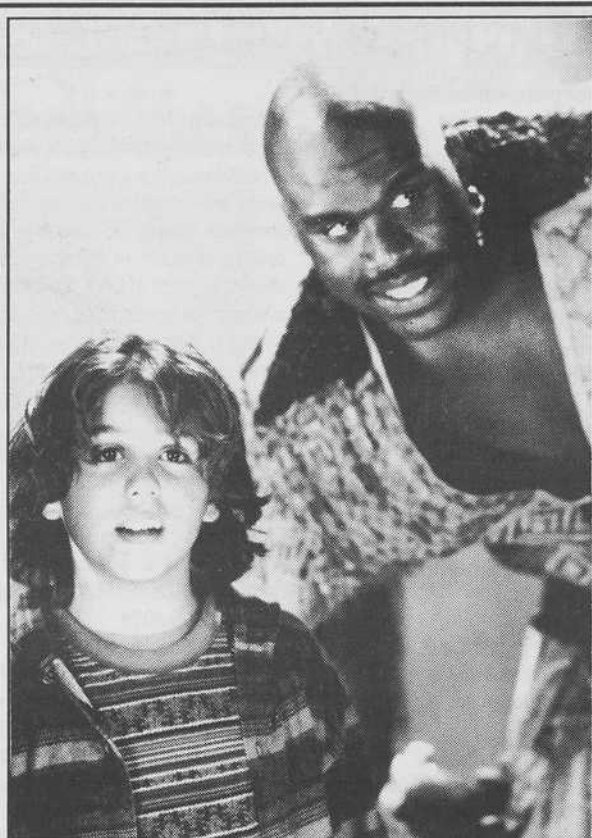
Rhodes and many organizations are working together to reduce violence in Las Vegas' communities. "The main purpose is to bring awareness to violence in our community," said Rhodes, whose efforts come in partnering with Los Angeles' effort to stop violence.

Rhodes wants Las Vegas citizens to be more concerned for each other. "Citizens need to get more involved with Neighborhood Watch, protecting neighbor's rights and also in city government," said Rhodes.

Community Health Center, Project Youth, Committed 100 Men, City of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Classroom on Wheels, Clark County School District and Boy Scouts of America are a few of the supporters.

If there is any chance of Las Vegas putting an end to violence, citizens need to join the effort to STOP THE VIOLENCE and INCREASE THE PEACE, said Rhodes.

Coming up in August, Rhodes is working with the North Las Vegas Police Department to organize the peace rally, "National Night Out".



O'Neal goes "Kazaam"

Max Conner (Francis Capra, left) gets the surprise of his life when he accidentally conjurs up a 3,000-year-old genie named Kazaam (NBA great Shaquille O'Neal, right) in Touchstone Pictures' comedy "Kazaam."

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

'JUICES' BRINGS IN HEFTY PRICE TAG

VISALIA, Calif. — It's red. It's a Ferrari. But it was O.J. Simpson's personal license plate JUICES that convinced a man to buy the car at auction in Visalia, Calif., for \$127,500. "I wouldn't have bought it without this plate," said Bud Spadrafori of San Jose. "I'm strictly interested in the celebrity status of this car." The Ferrari Testarossa, which Spadrafori plans to display in a museum, was purchased at another auction in Palm Springs last February for \$108,000 by auction promoter Steve Davis. He wanted to make it the centerpiece of his Independence Day weekend auction in Visalia.

CINCINNATI SEEKS OPRAH'S APPROVAL

CINCINNATI — The city of Cincinnati is hoping Oprah Winfrey will put it back on the map. The city was mentioned in the Toni Morrison novel "Beloved." Winfrey, who owns the film rights to the book, and Cincinnati feel the movie version should be shot there. The Greater Cincinnati Film Commission said last Thursday it pitched the idea to Winfrey's Harpo Films, but had not received a reply. "Beloved," is about a woman's escape from slavery and mentions Cincinnati as a "slaughter and riverboat capital."

MARTIN DENIES ACCUSATIONS

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Comedian Martin Lawrence is denying claims that he beat up a guest at his bachelor party in January 1995. A lawyer for the actor has filed legal papers saying Lawrence never smashed a champagne bottle over the head of a Virginia Beach man or choked him hours before Lawrence married a local beauty queen Jan. 7, 1995. Fentrel Ferebee filed a \$2 million lawsuit in April in Virginia Beach. "I'm not sure how the guy hurt himself, if he hurt himself at all," Lawrence attorney Edward J. Powers told the Associated Press.

THREE MORE JOIN MONTEL WILLIAMS HARASSMENT SUIT

NEWARK, N.J. — Three more women have joined a sexual harassment lawsuit against talk show host Montel Williams. Williams' former nanny, former housekeeper and a former producer said Williams and his mother-in-law, Dori Kotzen, gave out sexually suggestive gifts to employees. The housekeeper, Maria Gonzales, and nanny, Carmen Rodriguez, said Kotzen and Williams' wife Grace, walked around nearly naked in their presence at their New York home. Also, former producer, Laura Marini, said Williams physically assaulted her and verbally abused her. The three joined a lawsuit filed in Bergen County Superior Court last month by two former female employees who accused Williams of firing them because they objected to his sexual innuendoes and harassment.

TBS SUPERSTATION CELEBRATES 1996 NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL

THE ARK OF THE SPIRIT WITH AVERY BROOKS, a one-hour special capturing the essence of the 1996 National Black Arts Festival will premiere Monday, August 5 at 8:05 p.m. The NBAF is the largest and most prestigious biennial event celebrating African and African-America art which takes place this year in Atlanta, Ga., from June 28-July 7. The 10-day event showcases the work of approximately 1,500 artists of African descent in eight artistic disciplines.

GODFATHER OF SOUL SUES U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

James Brown sued the Boston branch of the U.S. Customs Service in U.S. District Court Friday. He is seeking the return of \$260,743 seized at the Logan Airport last July from one of Brown's associates. The lawyer mistakenly claimed half the actual amount on customs forms while bringing the revenue from Brown's 22-city European tour. Brown's lawyer, Martin Weinburg, called his client the "innocent victim" of a mistake by a third party.

JACK GORDON AND LATOYA JACKSON SPLITSVILLE

After seven years of marriage Latoya Jackson has filed a lawsuit alleging that her estranged husband, Jack Gordon beat her after trying to coerce her into performing at topless nightclubs, working on sex phone lines and various other infractions. He allegedly used Ms. Jackson to make money and claimed in the past that he was the one being abused.

THREE AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO GET STARS ON WALK OF FAME

Vanessa Williams, Don Cornelius and Clive Davis are among the 14 to be honored with stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The group the Four Tops will also be honored. The stars are awarded to a cross-section of Hollywood's brightest luminaries according to Hollywood's honorary mayor, Johnny Grant.

This Week In Black History

July 11 — In 1957 the Tuskegee Boycott began. Blacks boycotted city stores in protest against racism, injustice and brutality.

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July 12 — In 1949 F. M. Jones, a Black inventor patented the air conditioner.

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July 13 — In 1975 Lee Elders became the first Black golfer to qualify for the Masters Golf Tournament.

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July 14 — In 1957 a national monument was dedicated in honor of Black scientist George Washington Carver in Joplin, Missouri.

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July 15 — In 1779 Pompey Lamb, a noted Black American Spy, aided the American war effort.

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July 16 — In 1862 Black woman journalist and anti-lynching activist, Ida B. Wells, was born in Holyspring, Mississippi.

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July 17 — In 1794 the first Black church in North America was dedicated in Philadelphia.

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Madame C. J. Walker, born on this day in 1869, was the first woman millionaire cosmetics manufacturer.

Residents

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said. "Nobody came out here from the housing authority,"

To get her ceiling repaired, Lemor went to the LVHA main office, called her complex manager, attended a monthly meeting of the housing authority Board of Commissioners and contacted two newspapers, she said.

Management is so unresponsive, Lemor said, "I felt if I didn't take the actions I took, nobody would have jumped on it the way they did."

Although Lorenzo heard the March complaints, his office handles only the major renovations. His office was responsible for renovation oversight, and at the time of inspection none of the problems described by residents were seen, he said.

Lemor's toilet problem "wasn't like that when we got our Certificate of Occupancy," Lorenzo said.

That is not to say there are no problems now, but "anything can happen whenever someone moves in," he said.

But complaints about seeping floors were also voiced by at least three residents at the March meeting. And Lemor said that

issue has not been resolved.

"I'm going to make a recommendation to my boss (LVHA Executive Director Frederick Brown) to put a sheet of vinyl over (the floors)," Lorenzo said. "It will provide a non-porous top surface so water will not seep through."

The problem may go beyond unresponsive maintenance. When repairmen fixed her ceiling, they said, earlier repairs had been improperly made, Lemor said. "I don't think it had ever been fixed," she said. "Those pipes looked pretty old."

Lorenzo acknowledges having an on-going dispute with the unnamed renovator, but "the problems we're having with the contractor have nothing to do with the work he's done. It's just a money issue with him," he said.

The local HUD branch doesn't review every repair, the Chief of Multifamily Branch Dottie Manz said, but someone did take a look at Lemor's apartment.

"It appeared to be a pipe that sprung a leak," Manz said.

But "when my inspector went out yesterday all he could look at was the outside," she said. "You couldn't see the original repairs without tearing out the new ceiling."

Desert Chrysler-Plymouth

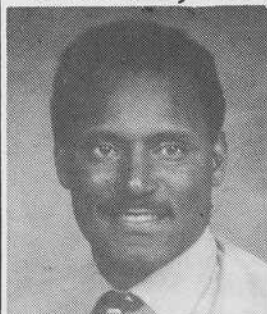
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