

NEWS CLIPS

LAS VEGAS NON-PROFITS AWARDED \$2.13 MILLION

About \$2.13 million in Community Development Block Grants have been approved to fund local community non-profit organizations, Mayor Jan Jones announced Monday. During its next meeting, the City Council will proclaim the week of March 24 - 31 Community Development Block Grant week. The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County received \$115,000 and Community Health Centers of Southern Nevada received \$280,000.

RODMAN SIGNS TO WRESTLE WITH HULK HOGAN

This summer Dennis Rodman will try to prove he's a man's man. After his season with the Chicago Bulls is over, Rodman will be Hulk Hogan's tag-team partner. He will join a group of antihero wrestlers called New World Order and on July 13, he will wrestle with Hogan in Daytona Beach, Fla.

BURMIESTER AFRAID OF BLACK PRISONERS?

At his own request, Ronald Burmeister, has been placed in protective isolation at Central Prison in Raleigh, North Carolina. Burmeister, an avowed racist, was sentenced to life in prison for killing two black people to earn a spider web tattoo, a sign to other skinheads that he had killed a black person. Burmeister, a former paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne, is shackled in restraints and escorted everywhere he goes in the maximum security prison.

KNIGHT DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN SHAKUR'S DEATH

Marion "Suge" Knight, who was sentenced to nine years in prison for a parole violation that took place the night Tupac Shakur was killed has denied allegations that he was involved in Shakur's death. Knight was sentenced to prison for violating a 1995 parole by fighting at the MGM Grand seven hours before Shakur was shot. Knight, the owner of Death Row Records, stated that the rumors that Shakur might have left Death Row were untrue and there was no friction between him and Shakur. According to Knight, police have already questioned the man responsible for the shooting.

JERALD JACKSON CLAIMS AUTUMN

Jerald Jackson, an ex-convict who claims that Autumn Jackson is his daughter has asked that she drop her claim that Bill Cosby is her father. Autumn has been free on bail since she was arrested for trying to negotiate a payoff in exchange for silence about her claim that Cosby is her father. Cosby has admitted to having an affair with her mother and has helped pay her educational expenses. But Jerald said he always believed that she is his daughter and her mother used his name on her birth certificate. He suggested Autumn avoid prison at all costs. She is facing a sentence of 7 to 12 years for trying to extort \$40 million from Cosby.

NIKE AND 100 BLACK MEN UNITE FOR YOUTH

Nike and 100 Black Men of America, Inc. recently announced one of the largest corporate gifts to an African-American organization. The pair have created a far reaching strategic alliance that includes a \$3 million contribution from Nike in cash, goods and services to support youth programs of BMA's 58 chapters throughout the United States. "Nike is proud of its unwavering commitment to youth," said company president Tom Clarke. "This latest effort only serves to underscore the value we place on excellence and achievement both on and off the field of play."

STUDENTS HELP REBUILD BURNED CHURCHES

While many college students will be celebrating their spring break basking on Southeast beaches, nearly 500 will be taking up hammers and saws in a National Council of Churches sponsored program to help rebuild four Southeast churches destroyed by hate. The NCC is working with Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in April*USA to organize "Spring Rebuild!" The first team started on Feb. 15 but most will be deployed in March and April. The program brings more than 25 groups of high school and college students to work camps at four sites (two in Florida, one in Virginia and one in Tennessee) for a week at a time. The students, who come from many races and religions, will live and work in the community and explore some of the issues surrounding the burned churches.

MADISON, ONE OF NATION'S TOP RADIO HOSTS

For the second year in a row, Joe Madison has been named by Talkers Magazine one of "The 100 Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts in America." Madison, heard weekday afternoons on Washington, D.C.'s WWRC AM-980, said, "To be singled out as one of the best—well everyone seems so good—really gives me great encouragement and the drive to be even better. The Madison Show's listeners should also feel that they have earned this recognition for being one of the top audiences in the country." In the past year, since his last recognition by Talkers Magazine, Madison has taken his activist style of talk radio beyond the studio. After the San Jose Mercury News reported last August that CIA-backed Nicaraguan Contra rebels sold tons of cocaine to black street gangs to finance their civil war, Madison has continued to devote a large portion of each show to this issue.

Marchers seek intervention for Gammage

By Deepak Karamcheti
Special to Sentinel-Voice
When will it end?

It is a frequently asked question concerning the trials of police officers involved in the October 1995 death of black motorist Jonny Gammage.

After the acquittal of Brentwood, New York, police officer John Vojtas in November of last year and the mistrial of Baldwin officer Michael Albert and Brentwood Lieutenant Milton Mulholland, the question remained unanswered.

But with final arguments from both the prosecution and defense delivered, the public is awaiting a verdict from Allegheny County judge David R. Cashman.

"The whole thing was a mistake from the beginning," said Dorothy Urquhart of the United Concerned Christians at Work. Urquhart said no trial will be sufficient unless it result in the conviction of all five officers present at the scene of Gammage's death and hopes a second trial will not be held. She believes that the ongoing trial was "opening the wound again" for the Gammage family.

"I cannot see any trial bringing justice," she said.

However, some of Pittsburgh's concerned residents are looking beyond the highly publicized case to Washington, D.C., where they held a "Journey For Justice" to draw national attention to misconduct among city police officers.

Along with a number of other grassroots organizations, UCCW traveled to Washington on Friday, Feb. 21, 1997. The

marchers from Pittsburgh were joined in Washington, D.C. by protesters from Syracuse, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Virginia to deliver a petition to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno requesting a federal investigation of the Gammage case.

Gammage, a Syracuse native, died after being stopped for driving erratically along Pittsburgh's Route 51. He was the cousin and business partner of Pittsburgh Steeler Ray Seals.

Tim Stevens, president of the Pittsburgh branch of the NAACP said he hopes to put additional pressure on city, county and national legislators

to investigate the Gammage case.

"We're not going to find justice in Pittsburgh," said Pete Shell of the Campus Coalition for Peace and Justice.

Shell said that county district attorney Bob Colville has never successfully prosecuted police in Pittsburgh.

He feels that Cashman will allow a second trial for Albert and Mulholland, a decision the community support, but whether a second trial will produce closure in Gammage's death is another question.

Stevens said he would not speculate on Cashman's decision. He said the trial has

been unpredictable and is "becoming a circus. It's had so many twists and turns it's almost ridiculous."

During a double jeopardy hearing in early February, defense attorneys once again accused deputy district attorney Anthony Krastek of prosecutorial misconduct.

The defense contended that in the first trial, Krastek purposely elicited comments from county coroner Cyril Wecht that caused Cashman to declare a mistrial.

Cashman concluded the hearing without rendering or setting a date for a verdict.

Drive-by

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there are probably 200 deaths that haven't had this kind of attention or even two inches of copy in local newspapers," he added. Other's have tried to connect Wallace's death with the east coast -west coast rap rivalry.

Los Angeles Police have not ruled out the possibility of a connection between the two deaths, but are following all leads. By Tuesday, they had interviewed more than 200 witnesses to the shooting and were trying to develop a composite sketch of the killer.

Local radio personality

L.C., program director at KCEP FM, sees some connection to the east-west rivalry.

"Once you see through all the smoke, they (the rap groups) are fighting about money and the fight fuels record sales," he said.

"Now, I think you'll see a change. Gangsta rap will start losing its popularity and rap music will become more socially conscious," he said.

L.C. added that he was shocked by the death. "The only people who are hurt by the violence in the hip hop industry are the fans and

families. I feel for the families."

He said he has received many requests for Notorious B.I.G.'s music in the past few days, "A lot more want to hear his music."

Stickers announcing the release date of Wallace's double album, "Life After Death and Till Death Do Us Part" were on the outside of the Suburban he was killed in. The release date for the double album is March 25.

Wallace was the father of a child. His wife and the child's mother, Faith Evans, is also reported to be pregnant with twins.

Greene

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In 1994 there were 52,584; in 1995 there 89,363.

The Clark County Fire Department is the largest fire department in southern Nevada with a paid staff of 550 people and 400 volunteers.

Clark is the first county in national history to get an Insurance Service Office rating of class one. Which means that insurance companies

rate the county as one of the safest against fire damage. It is the first in Nevada to hire a black man as its chief, but more importantly, it has hired a competent man who is sensitive to black issues because he is black.

Greene is proud of the fire department, proud of the men and women who work there and committed to improvement.

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