

**CELEBRATING
BLACK MUSIC**



Sentinel-Voice photos by John Broussard

The Rev. Sam Roberson was honored Saturday at The Celebration of Music in African-American Communities held at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre. Vocalist Carolyn Redic performed some gospel tunes for the event, as well as African musicians Ulysses Palrose and Tonya Hubbard.

NY Schools

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public hearing that the conversion and reconstruction of a laundry facility into a public school to accommodate hundreds children should have been done only with the most thorough environmental testing possible.

As recently as last April, Wright said, a test drill was done at the building by a consultant to

the property and the test revealed high toxic levels with contamination reaching 15 to 20 feet below the surface. "Our children should not be exposed to any health hazards," he said.

Wright charged that the administration ignored the cry of community residents who wanted stringent procedures to protect the public. "With the school now closed," he said,

"Chancellor Rudy Crew will do what he was asked to do at the inception."

The Board of Education has not issued a formal statement regarding the crisis. Experts have said the chemical in question is a "powerful stain remover capable of soaking through floors and into foundation."

Ironically, Wright was not the only one to warn about the danger at the former Budgewood Laundry. The issue was also brought to light at a May 1, 1995 meeting of Community Planning Board 10.

The board first expressed concern about the proposed 15-year lease at a projected cost of \$10 million, plus an additional \$5 million to

rehabilitate the facility. Board members argued that the funds could be used to rehabilitate many vacant schools in the community.

"The building, even with rehabilitation, will not be conducive to an adequate environment due to present and past toxic chemical usage in the building," the board wrote in a resolution.

It was also resolved at that meeting that the City School Construction Authority be authorized to do a feasibility and engineering study to determine the condition and cost of rehabilitating all the vacant schools in District 5. This was never done.

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Nutrition

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released during breast-feeding help mothers relax and focus on their infants. This can be a valuable aid in bonding. Many mothers report a certain closeness with their babies when they are breast-feeding.

In addition to these benefits, breast-feeding mothers can rest easy knowing they are providing their infant with the best possible nutrition, protecting their babies from disease, maximizing their chance for optimal neurological development and reducing infant health care costs.

Q: How much is too much when giving children fruit juice?

A: Fruit juice is healthy for kids. It provides

calories, while being low in fat and high in vitamin C, as well as some important minerals. However, studies have shown that consuming large amounts of fruit juice may not be good for children.

One study of 2- and 5-year-olds showed that children who consumed 12 ounces or more of juice per day were more likely to be shorter and heavier than children consuming less. High consumption of fruit juice can also result in gastrointestinal problems such as diarrhea. Also, fruit juice does not offer the benefits of fruits and vegetables and does not offer as much fiber as whole foods. Most children like fruit juice, so it's imperative that parents keep an eye on how much they consume.

March

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"You are one-half the world's population and you give birth to the other half. Remember that when you get depressed."

Speaker after speaker fortified that message of hope and pride.

"We are living in a very significant time in history and are blessed to be here," said Sister Janice Muhammad of Mosque 95. "We must come to the understanding of who we are. We need to teach our children a higher understanding of self."

Pickett urged black women not to "believe the hype" about the images portrayed of black women in mainstream media and society.

"We don't need to continuously inundate ourselves with that negativity," she said. "We need rejuvenation, new energy, new blood ... a place to disseminate information, positive information."

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Jackson

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busting governor" whose support of Prop 209 has given the state "second-class schools and first-class jails."

Said Jackson: "The dream is not to be color-blind or gender-blind, but to be color- and gender-sensitive and caring and inclusive," he said. "We chose vision over blindness."

Sean Walsh, Wilson's spokesman, called Jackson a "professional protester" and his marches a "sad spectacle."

"Jesse Jackson is in a time beyond Jesse Jackson and his warp," Walsh said. brand of race-based "The country has moved preferences."

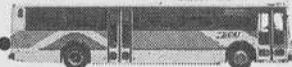
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