

Kickin' it...

Sentinel-Voice photo by Jonathan Olsen

Pedro Fernandez, left, blocks a kick from Rick Roufus, during the K-1 USA Grand Prix competition held at the Mirage earlier this month. Roufus won the bout and the single-elimination contest, earning the right to represent America in Japan later this year.

Marches

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traditional leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., who advocated nonviolent resistance to white racism.

Washington attorney Malik Z. Shabazz, national youth director for the New York march, said his group tried to unify the marches earlier this year but was rebuffed by Atlanta organizers because of the philosophical differences.

"They didn't agree with our position on black power," Shabazz said. "The difference between our march and what they are doing is that we are black nationalists, and we aren't compromising in putting together an agenda for black people."

Shabazz said the New York organizers will do no head counts to test the popularity of their event against Atlanta's. "I haven't even thought about the Atlanta people in a while. We are just focusing on what we have to do here," Shabazz said by telephone.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has condemned the rally as a "hate march" because of "race-baiting and anti-Semitic" comments

from Muhammad. The former Farrakhan lieutenant created headlines in 1994 by referring to Jews as "bloodsuckers" and demeaning Pope John Paul II, homosexuals and whites in a speech at Kean College in New Jersey.

The city has denied organizers a permit for the event, citing traffic concerns. Shabazz said it will go on as scheduled.

"Dr. King didn't have a permit every time he marched," Shabazz said. "We are still in negotiations with the city, but we will be there (in Harlem). Giuliani can't stop us from marching. Only God can do that."

Atlanta organizers see nothing wrong with two marches on the same weekend.

"There should be a march in every city where youth are engaged in self-destructive lifestyles," said Ashahed Maliki, a 27-year-old computer technician and publicity director for the Atlanta event.

"We aren't looking at this as a competition, even though there are people who will try to play up divisions instead of what makes us similar," Maliki said.

heart of Harlem.

"We are not backing down from 'Adolph Giuliani,'" asserted Jed Michel, another youth representative. "This is our house, and we will have our Million Youth March no matter what he says." He said the proposed alternate sites aren't relevant to Blacks.

"Harlem is our community, it is the Black Mecca of the United States, and there will be no equivocation from us. The March will happen in Harlem."

The Million Youth March comes on the heels of the successful Million Man March in 1995 and the Million Woman March last year.

The stated demands-objectives of the committee are: an end to police brutality and harassment of Blacks and Latinos; reparations for the descendants of enslaved African people of the middle passage; freedom for all political prisoners and prisoners of war and the building and nurturing of independent institutions.

McCall

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offered two other locations that they said could handle big crowds: Randalls Island or Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. But organizers have said those sites are unacceptable.

In a statement issued by her office, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields suggested the event could be moved to a city park but she did not suggest a specific venue.

"There is no way that Lenox Avenue and the streets of Harlem could accommodate a rally of the magnitude being discussed," she said.

"Harlem belongs to the community, and the future belongs to the youth," said Erica Ford, a representative of the New York City Black Power Committee.

Ford's remarks were a direct challenge to Giuliani's rejection of the group's proposal to host the Million Youth March rally in the

Clinton

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some kind of explanation of what is going on," she said. "I think he owes the public a good job as president. An apology could be absolutely meaningless, so an apology alone does not do very much for me."

Clinton testified before a grand jury Monday and came before the nation in a short speech closed-circuit telecast.

Hill said the crisis over allegations about his relationship with former White House intern Lewinsky could damage women politically.

"Because women did put Bill Clinton in office, it will have some impact on our ability to rally women around issues and around individual politicians," she said.

Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, appearing on the same program, said she agreed with the opinion that most women "don't want their privacy invaded in their family any more than they want the Clintons' smeared all over the airwaves."

She said women "see Bill Clinton as a complex human being with flaws and strengths, the same as others, and on balance they think



BILL CLINTON

he's doing a good job."

Responding to Ireland, conservative columnist Mona Charen said, "God forbid that we should decide that Bill Clinton represents American manhood. That really would be a debasement of what most of us think about

this country."

Ireland said Clinton's transgression doesn't make him impeachable.

"I think if Congress is going to take any action, the only people who should be allowed to vote are the ones who have never lied about their sex lives either."

Hill agreed that Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky did not meet legal standards for sexual harassment.

"From all accounts," she said, "it appears that the relationship was a consensual one."

Bass

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Roundtable, Active Republican Women of Las Vegas, Republican Men's Club of Nevada, Nevada Youth Foundation and Christian Fellowship Church. "This is a very important election year," Bass said. "It is imperative that voters truly look at the candidates, know the issues and make informative decisions when casting their vote."

Goynes

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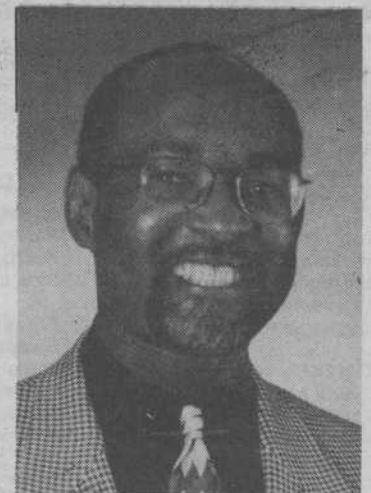
annually. "I believe in our community and do not wish to bog down the court system," Goynes said, a Democrat. "I would rather boost the old American saying 'a fair and speedy trial'."

Goynes failed in a 1994 bid for clerkship.

Early voting is available through August 28 at area malls and the county's government center. Voters who have not yet received a sample ballot or who would like additional information are urged to call the Clark County Election Department at 455-VOTE.

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