History

(Continued from Page 13) threats of bodily injury.

JULY 12

1887- Mond Bayou, an all African-American town in Mississippi, is founded by Isaiah Montgomery.

1936- Actress Rose McClendon dies of pneumonia in New York City. A student at the American Academy of Dramatic Art in Carnegie Hall, she won fame for her roles in the plays Deep River, In Abrahams Bosom, and Porgy. She also founded, with Dick Campbell, the Negro People's Theater and, with Campbell and Muriel Rahn, the Rose McClendon

1938- Bill Cosby is born in Philadelpjia, Pa. He will become one of the most popular African-American entertainers, first in comedy, where his albums will earn him five Grammy awards, then in Las Vegas and elsewhere. He will later star in the television series I Spy, which will be the first of three successful television series.

1991- Boyz N the Hood, a film written and directed by John Singleton, premieres. A coming of age film set in gang and violence ridden South Central Los Angeles, its positive message will earn Singleton critical acclaim and two Acadamy Award nominations.

JULY 13

1787- The Continental Congress passes the Northwest Ordinance, which, in addition to providing for a government and civil liberties for the new territory, excludes slavery northwest of the Ohio River except as punishment for a crime.

1863- Over 1200 people, mostly African-Americans are killed in antidraft rioting in New York City. Rioting begins in part, when poor whites revolt against military service exemptions that allow for a payment of \$300 in lieu of being drafted, a price that they cannot afford. The "draft riots" also reflect a growing hostility toward African-Americans, who are seen as the cause of the war.

1928- Robert N.C. Nix Jr. is born in Philadelphia, Pa. In 1971, he will be the fist African-American to serve on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and, in 1984, the first African-American chief justice of a state supreme court. Chief Justice Nix will be further honored when he is named president of the Conference of Chief Justices, a national organization of judges and justices in the U.S.

1965- Thurgood Marshall, an appeals Court judge for three years, is nominated as solicitor General of the U.S., the first African-American to hold the office.

JULY 14

1914- Kenneth B. Clark is born in the Canal Zone, Panama. He will become a noted psychologist who will establish the Northside Center for Child Development in New York City. His pioneering research on the psychological damage to African-American children caused by segregation will be used as part of the basis for the Brown v. Board of Education school desegragation decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1943- Julius Bledose dies in Hollywood, Calif. He was an important stage and film actor whose roles in Deep River, In Ibrahams Bosom, and the stage and film versions of Showboat won him wide accalim.

1972-Former New York State senator Basil A. Paterson is elected vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, the first African-American to hold a leadership position in a national political party.

(Continued from Page 8) touching upon the racism faced by Jim West falls flat, eliciting only a few laughs and just a hint of tension.

The plot structure didn't make for a compelling flick despite the fact that our two heroes are out to save America, several of the world's top minds are in danger and an unrepentant racist has a weapon of mass destruction. Wild, Wild West isn't everything it could be, but some of the laughs and special effects may make it "okay" summer film fare for



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and colors, yet they weren't at all pretentious.

Everybody said "Hey" and "Hi" to each other because they were just so damn glad to be in each other's presence. Everybody was home and ready to have fun.

Holocaust

(Continued from Page 7) annihilation of African people in this country. This is the function of genocide by those who inflict it on a mass of people.

That is, they create a rationale for the annihilation and then try to explain that it does not exist. This is the case in the current CIA involvement in cocaine distribution in Los Angeles in which the profits were used to finance the CIA backed Contra army in Nicaragua. This involvement of the CIA caused a proliferation of the distribution and sale of crack cocaine across the African communities of America, causing serious devastation to our communities.

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(Continued from Page 7) diversified group of businesses across the telecommunications spectrum.

He launched the PCS franchise serving the Chattanooga, Tenn. market under the Telecommunications banner, pioneering a low rate service of \$19.95 monthly under the 'cut to the chase" slogan.

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ChaseCom's web site talks candidly about the "digital divide." Chase began the Telecom opportunity Institute at http:// www.ttoc.org to provide resources on such topics as

jobs, financing and training. At stake, as Chase notes, is the very ability to communicate and participate in the 21st century. Communities without highspeed data links or cellular service will be as isolated as towns without railroads in the last century.

The presence of those links is a prerequisite to attacking the "digital divide" of the information superhighway.

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