

Safe Summer Nights

Event promotes peace in the valley

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"Safe Summer Nights," hosted by the city of Las Vegas on June 12 at the Doolittle Community Center was over two hours of fun for children of all ages.

"We're hosting 'Safe Summer Nights' to promote safety and peace in our community," Las Vegas City Councilman Lawrence Weekly said. "Our goal is to provide an alternative to having children run the streets, and this is a great opportunity for parents to bring their children out to see what summer programs and services are available to them."

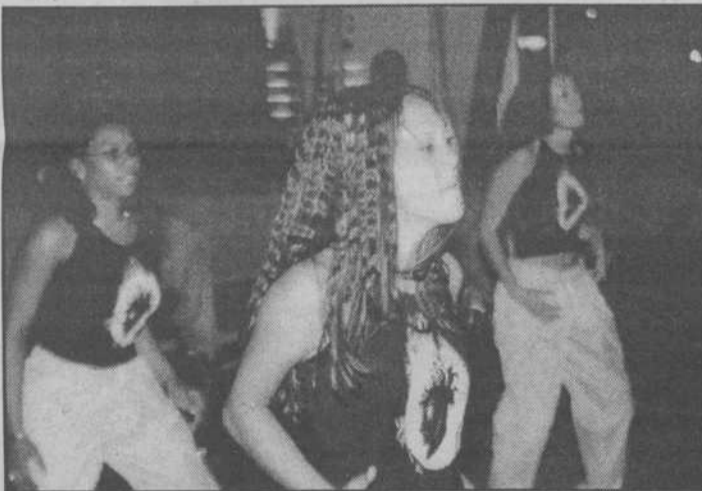
Representatives from the Las Vegas Detention & Enforcement K-9 unit, and Metro's gang, horse and bicycle units, as well as Greek-letter-sponsored youth organizations and other city services and departments were present. Services for children's fingerprinting and photos were available, along with a gun safety class and a housefire exiting demonstration.

The event was a prelude to "Late Night Hoops," an award-winning grant-funded basketball program that promotes athletics as an alternative to crime.



Jaamel Freeman (right) and Keavon Daniels look on as Lakeisha Hicks paints the face of a youth at last Tuesday's Safe Nights celebration at Doolittle Community Center. (Below), dancers in the teen group Full Effect groove to contemporary sounds. (Adjacent) Singer Guy Morton James, also part of Full Effect, lays some smooth vocals. (Bottom) City Councilman Larry Weekly congratulates Donnell Wesley on his high scholastic achievement.

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