

# KCEP welcomes new group of summer help

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The KCEP-FM "Power 88 Summer High School Broadcast Program" is back and in full effect. One of this year's goals is to teach the students to be great thinkers. The coordinator of the program is station General Manager Sherman Rutledge.

Rutledge began the program in 1995 for a specific reason: "The station was designed in 1972 to be a comprehensive training facility," he said.

The program started off with 32 students, the second year it had 20 students and for the next four years it had 16. This year it has only 6 students. One may wonder why the program has only a few compared to past years.

"This year's number of students is for a good reason. We are able to give more intense one-on-one training with the students, and there is more of a responsibility on their part," said Rutledge.



Sherman Rutledge (right), station manger KCEP Power 88.1, interacts with KCEP student intern Narada Whalum of Eldorado High School.

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The participants are juniors or seniors in high school and come from schools all over the Las Vegas Valley.

TaTanesha Johnson is a junior at Las Vegas Academy whose career choice af-

ter high school is to major in music production. Aiaka Oliver, also a junior at Las Vegas Academy, plans to major in criminal psychology after high school. Todd Carter, a senior at Mojave

High School, intends to own his own business in the law enforcement field. Derrick Butler, a senior at Desert Pines, wants to be a music producer after high school. Narada Whalum will be a

freshman at Five Towns College in Long Island New York, where he plans to major in architecture. Emerald Gipson is a senior at Western High School, and plans to major in computer science after high school. Shanell Bagley, a senior at Clark, wants to major in child psychology after high school.

The students had different reason for wanting to participate in the summer program, from opening doors to bigger opportunities, to catching the eyes of certain people, to educating peers and being looked upon as mentors.

All of the students did have one thing in mind- they all want to go to college and start careers of their own.

"It's not designed to teach you only about the radio business, but to also teach you to be able to think on your own," says Bagley. Each of the students agreed that they would recommend the program to others as a good thing to get into at a young age. The em-

ployees of the station are more than willing to help the students and to work with them as mentors.

Although this is an internship, students will be paid as if it were a real job. They will work eight hours a day, Tuesday through Thursday.

This year's program is only a few weeks old, but the students are more than eager to see what the rest of the summer at this radio station will be about. There are classes lined up for them, as well as field trips, talk shows and hands-on training.

Rutledge says he will participate in this program as long as he lives, for numerous reasons.

"These young men and women are becoming intelligent, and are gaining opportunities by design or by other causes. They are ambitious, determined, and have a great outlook on their future. With those words right there, I am more than happy to work with these kids," said Rutledge.

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neys would not specify a monetary figure, one of them said, "it will be a substantial amount."

The press conference was moderated by Nevada ACLU Executive Director Gary Peck. He was joined by state and national board member Jonell Thomas, who said the organization has called on Metro to "end racial profiling (and) will not rest until racial profiling is no longer an issue."

Members of the Nevada Legislature, Assemblyman Wendell Williams and Senator Joe Neal, were present, as were National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression Executive Director Dr. James Tate, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN) Lead Organizer Liz Moore, Nevada Task Force on Racial and Economic Bias in the Criminal Justice System Director Elgin Simpson, and local members of the Nation of Islam.

Reinhardt's attorney Robert Langford, attended with his associate, Costo, who insists that Reinhardt's "crime" was that he wanted to go home. Said Langford, who was a prosecutor in Clark County for seven-and-a-half years: "Racial profiling is not just a fact of life in Las Vegas, it's a way of life."

The lawsuit claims the actions of Laythorpe and others "deprived Plaintiff Reinhardt of his rights under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments...as well as under other state and federal law." It contends they "were intentional, callous, and cruel...were committed with a deliberate and wanton disregard of (Reinhardt's) constitutional rights," and that they caused damages.

Keller's policies, it says, did the same. It holds Keller and the department "liable for all of Plaintiff's injuries and damages." "Keller's liability is both personal, as well as official," the suit continued.

Laythorpe and the others are also accused of battery and of false imprisonment, said to have "restrained (Reinhardt) of his liberty...without any legal cause or justification" and causing him to suffer "emotional distress and physical injury."

Other charges against them include "Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress," their actions called "outrageous and extreme," and defamation, with Laythorpe and Metro said to have "intentionally or recklessly published false and defamatory statements" concerning Reinhardt "to the whole of the Las Vegas community,"

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## Magic Johnson eyes Los Angeles mayoral post

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson says he'll be watching Mayor James Hahn over the next four years. If the former Los Angeles Lakers star doesn't like what he sees, he might make a mayoral bid.

"It's definitely something I would entertain and really seriously consider because I love L.A. and I want to see our city grow," Johnson said in a phone interview Tuesday. "What you have now is a lot of businessmen running cities. It's about management skills and I have those from running my own company."

Johnson and his office were swamped with offers of support after he recently mentioned a possible bid for elected office.

"I got calls from people wanting to run my campaign and

be on my committee," he said. "They say, 'If you ran tomorrow, I'd vote for you.' I didn't know it was going to happen. It snowballed."

"I'm one of those guys who needs challenges, and that would be a big challenge for me."

He campaigned for Hahn, who was elected last month. "I am a guy who loves and supports him, but I'm also a guy that's going to hold him accountable," he said. "I know Jim Hahn is going to do a good job. ... If for some reason it doesn't happen, I would look at it."

Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers nearly 10 years ago after learning he tested positive for HIV. He made two comebacks with the Lakers and briefly served as their coach before returning to his business interests.

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