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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Jackson condemns FEMA, stumps for aid

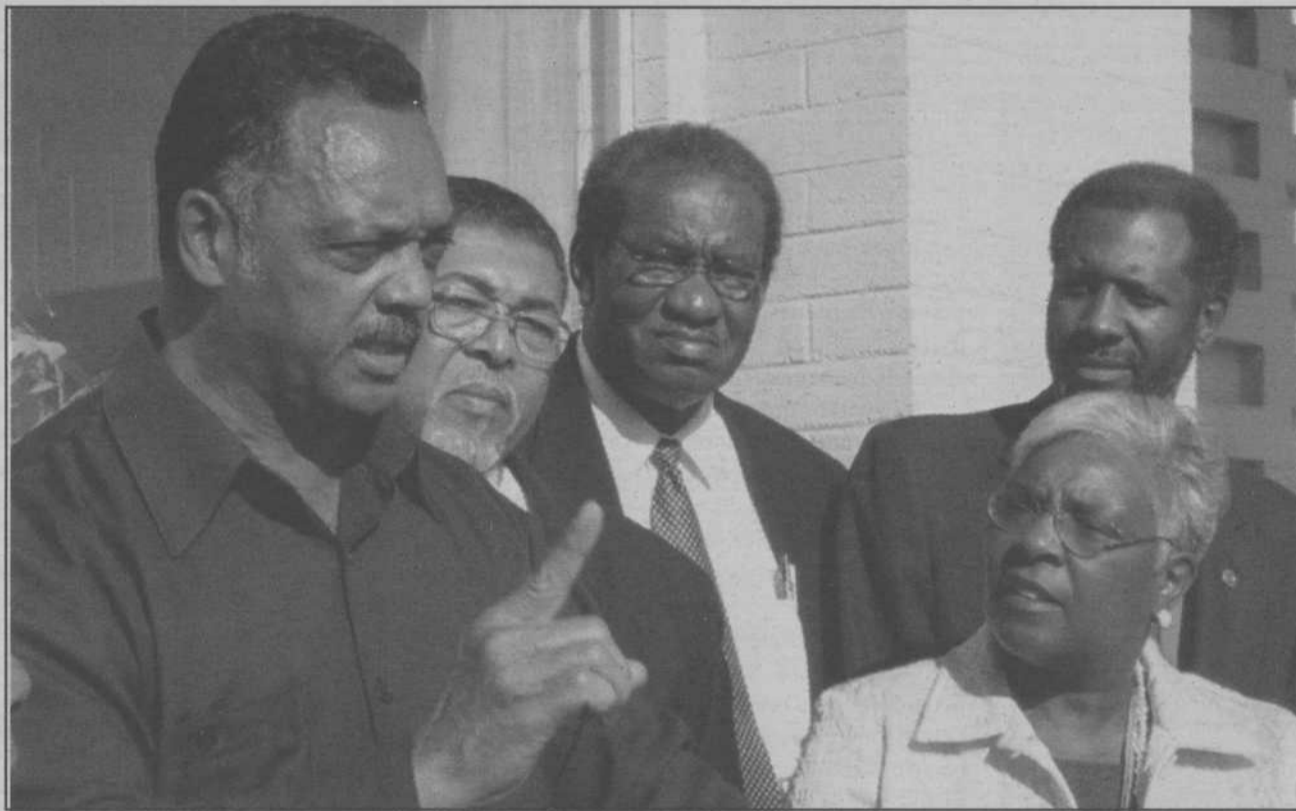
By Parker Philpot
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At a press conference held Tuesday afternoon in North Las Vegas, Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., Rainbow/PUSH coalition founder, began his 41-state tour to make communities aware of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's announcement that it would soon stop paying motel and hotel bills for hurricane evacuees in many states.

He stressed the urgent and ongoing need for federal aid for disaster victims of the Gulf Region.

The press conference was held at Holy Trinity Church and attended by representatives of local churches and community organizations, including Clark County-Las Vegas Urban League and the NAACP.

Jackson was one of the first national leaders to go to the Gulf Coast region in the



Rev. Jesse Jackson held a press conference in North Las Vegas on Tuesday to speak out against the president of the United States' policy toward the hurricane victims of Katrina and Rita. Supporters in attendance were Rev. Emanuel Wasson, III of the Holy Trinity AME Church standing behind Jackson, Dr. Wilma Carter-Gaines, interim president / CEO of the Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League and Dean Ishman, president of the NAACP Las Vegas behind her.

immediate wake of Hurricane Katrina, and he remains dismayed by federal and FEMA response to victim's needs.

Jackson is advocating for more federal attention to the needs of the evacuees, especially affordable housing and assistance with relocation back to their home area.

He condemned the FEMA decision, which has since been rescinded, to cease funding for emergency housing for most Katrina survivors effective Dec. 1.

The initial plan to cut off emergency subsidy for hotels and motels, Jackson said, would have resulted in thousands of families being suddenly homeless during this holiday season.

"It will make a disaster out of disaster relief efforts," he stated.

FEMA in a later announcement extended the (See Jackson, Page 4)

Clemency support builds for Williams

By Olu Alemoru
Special to Sentinel-Voice

LOS ANGELES (NNPA) - With less than a month before his scheduled execution, intense pressure is being brought on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to grant clemency to death row inmate Stanley Tookie Williams.

On Wednesday of this week, supporters were scheduled to march on the governor's Los Angeles office. On Sunday, Dec. 4, there will be a candlelight vigil as part of a 'National Day of Action' to stop the execution of Stan Tookie Williams.

Williams, a co-founder of the Los Angeles Crips street gang, is slated to be executed on Dec. 13 in San Quentin state prison. During the 1990s, he wrote a series of award-winning books for children, warning against gangs, crime and prison which earned him a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He was convicted by an

all-White jury for the murders of four people in 1979 during two separate robberies.

In his original trial, the

main evidence against Williams was the testimony of jailhouse informants who appeals courts have admitted had "an incentive to lie in

order to obtain leniency from the state."

None of the physical evidence found at the crime (See Tookie, Page 3)



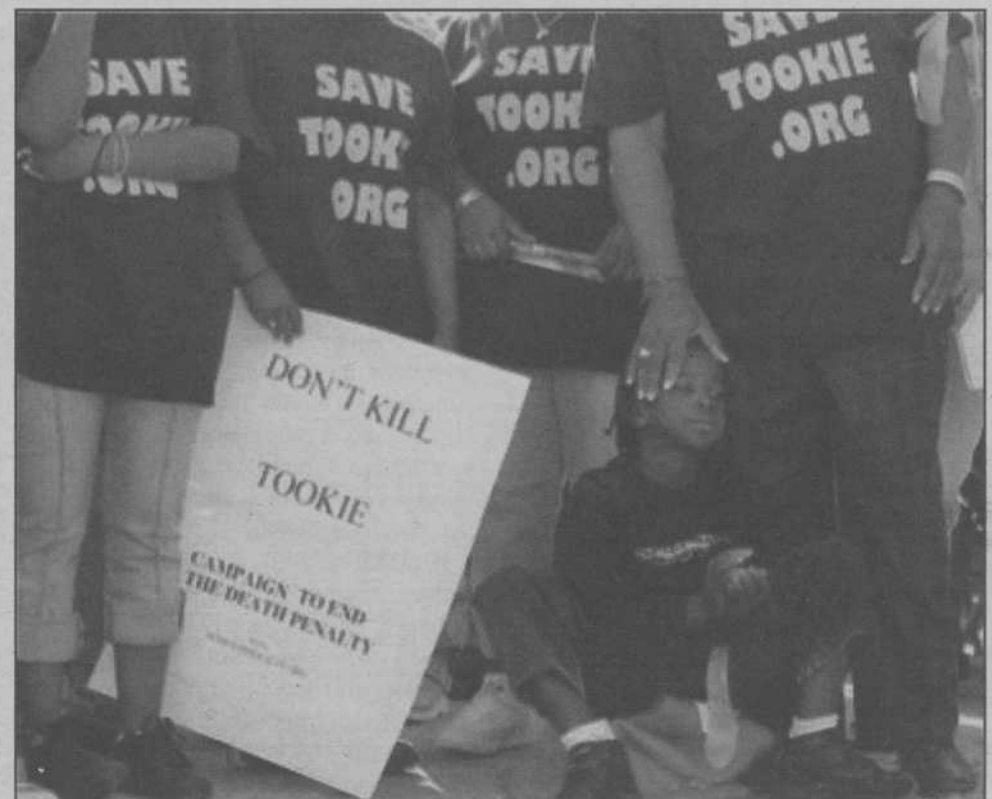
Sentinel-Voice photo by Les Pierres Streater

Dr. Rubye Taylor-Drake, national president of the National Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund offered support from her office for the development of a local chapter of the Inter-Alumni Council in Las Vegas on Friday.

Black college group explores LV chapter

By Les Pierres Streater
Sentinel-Voice

Thirty local residents and graduates of Historical Black Colleges and Universities met with representatives of the Western Region Inter-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund on Friday evening to discuss the (See UNCF, Page 2)



Deshawn Lee Thompson, 7, sitting, of Richmond Calif., joins a rally for death row inmate Stanley Tookie Williams outside of the San Quentin State Penitentiary on Saturday in San Quentin, Calif. Williams has received support from around the world for his clemency.