



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Part of an early-rising crowd, dozens walked in Monday's second African-American Pride March in West Las Vegas.

Pride

(Continued from Page 1)

African-American history over the past 19 days (referring to the NBA All-Star game) instead of the accomplishments of those who made a difference in our lives. So, I challenge you as parents to make sure that you teach our young of the importance that we have made over the years [during the remainder of Black History Month]. I'm glad to see the number of children coming out for today's march and rally."

Many other individuals shared their perspectives about participating in the event.

W. Dean Ishman, president of the local chapter of the NAACP commented: "I think this is an awesome event. This process of coming together for unity and pride is greatly needed in this community and longtime overdue. We need to put aside our petty differences and come together to rebuild this community. This is going to take us all working together to make this dream a reality."

Kamechia Coltrain, a parent of four children, spoke about why her family was participating in the march/rally.

"My younger children are members of the Giants baseball team and we're out here today to support our coach, Mr. Tate, who is working with the children to teach them basic skills and working together. We also came out to support the unity march. I have boys and it is important for them to learn about having a positive morale, who they are as African-American males, and what they should aspire for in the future. My oldest son has been involved with the rites of passage program at the West Las Vegas Arts Center, and we participate in other activities as well."

Another parent, Shanequa McGee stated, "We need to teach our young children about their history, ...and motivate them to be our future leaders and achievers. We must educate them about the past and what they can do to make it better in the future,

and carry on this tradition of 'each one teach one.'"

Charles Wilson, participating in the march/rally with members of his family, commented on why he felt it was important to be there. He said, "This is the second year that we have come out to support this event. It's important for us to remember our history because most of our history isn't being taught in school, and our children need a foundation to learn and live by as they are taught Black history."

Angela Dupuy, a grandmother and aunt of other family members attending the march/rally, spoke on the significance of why she was there. "The struggle that we once knew — and we are presently still in a struggle — tells us that we must continue to move forward and realize the dream that Martin had still has not come to fruition. We have not made the major strides that are successful. Yes, there are some Black millionaires, but many of them have not come back to the community to give back and offer hope for others to uplift themselves and make their lives better. We need to come together more than once a year in order to build our economic base, rebuild our community and be successful."

Alex X, a member of the Nation of Islam, shared his thoughts on the march/rally. "We need Black pride because we haven't had any Black pride. We were taught about everybody else in this country and the world, but we were denied our own history. We faced four hundred years of White supremacy..."

He continued, "We don't love ourselves, and if we did, we wouldn't treat ourselves the way we do. Look at the

conditions existing in our community. Is this the way we show love for others and ourselves? Our words don't equate to our deeds. We must teach our children that they can become more than athletics and entertainers; they can become doctors, lawyers, accountants, engineers; and that the biggest room in the world is the room for self improvement. We can achieve and we can succeed."

O.J. Simpson to forfeit royalties

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - A judge has ordered that O.J. Simpson's income from past work in movies, television and commercials go directly to the family of murder victim Ron Goldman, but he rejected the family's bid to collect Simpson's earnings on future projects.

Simpson was acquitted in October 1995 of murder charges in the June 12, 1994, slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her acquaintance Goldman, but a civil court jury later held him liable for the killings in a wrongful death lawsuit and ordered him to pay \$33.5 million. Most of that debt remains unpaid.

Lawyers for both sides portrayed the recent ruling on royalties or other earnings by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg as a victory.

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said royalties Simpson receives from past work for films, such as the "Naked Gun" movies and the TV show "1st and 10" amount to almost nothing. "Last year Simpson's royalty checks from all of his movies were less than 39 cents," Galanter said. "They got kicked to the curb again," he added. "Every door they're banging on gets slammed."

However, Goldman attorney David J. Cook said the ruling on past royalties was a step in the right direction, indicating the family would seek to determine what Simpson's royalties really amount to. "We presume there is money, and we're not going to take their word for it," Cook said. Rosenberg deferred ruling on a third request by the Goldman's: to collect any advance money Simpson may have received for the book and TV show "If I Did It." He scheduled a hearing on the matter for March 13.

The "If I Did It" project, in which Simpson was to explain how he might have committed the killings, was abandoned amid public outrage. Simpson, who maintains his innocence, has said he took part in the project to secure his children's financial future and that his advance for the project has already been spent.



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Shortly after the pride march, a participant gave out books on African-American history to young people and adults.

FIFTH ANNUAL

FIND YOUR SACRED SPACE EXPO

Claiming Our Health, Healing and Happiness

PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION
CITY OF LAS VEGAS
DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS
NEVADA STATE COLLEGE

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2007 AT 10AM-6PM

FREE - Open to all women

Lunch provided to conference participants
A free conference T-shirt to the first 100 participants

This year's conference is designed to provide women of diverse backgrounds a place to listen, share and gain tools to combat the everyday issues of life that sometimes rob women of their health, healing and happiness.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- Dr. Kumea Shorter-Gooden, Psychologist & co-author of "Shifting-The Double Lives of Black Women in America"
- Judge Karen Bennett-Haron
Las Vegas Justice of the Peace
- Mr. Mujahid Ramadan
M.R. Consulting, Inc. Managing Diversity
- Also featuring a host of expert facilitators from the Las Vegas Valley

West Las Vegas Arts Center
947 West Lake Mead Boulevard
702.229.4800

INTRODUCING:
TONI "CLARITY" ELLIS, SPOKEN WORD POETESS