

Knight, barbers team to help folks, lift spirits

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It didn't take a midnight train from Georgia to get Motown icon Gladys Knight to come to the historic Westside of Las Vegas—it only took a lot of love. With scores of fans and on-lookers on hand to welcome the multitalented Knight to Iced Out Barber Shop was further evidence of her ageless star appeal.

Knight feels she doesn't always have to participate in just huge fundraisers and special appearances to show her love for the people, just a caring attitude. "I want the community to know that we are all in this together," said Knight, thus coming up with the idea "Take Pride In Yourself Day."

With the help and assis-

tance of Craig Knight, general manager of KCEP-FM and Jackie Starr, owner of Iced Out Barber Shop, children were treated to a free haircut as well as food and drink to celebrate the day. The parents got a T-Shirt and Gladys Knight's new CD "Many Different Roads," along with some encouraging words. "It's not just about money all the time, but the mindset we have to reach out and touch somebody," said Gladys.

Having pride and coming together should not be limited to just one month in recognizing Black history, but every day we should celebrate our achievements stressed Gladys, "we should never forget who we are and where we came from."



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Legendary soul singer Gladys Knight (middle of the bottom picture with glasses on) joined with the Iced Out Barber Shop and KCEP FM 88.1 to offer West Las Vegas residents free haircuts and free food and drink at a recent civic event.



Color Purple writer making trip to Gaza

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Pulitzer-prize winning author Alice Walker, who wrote "The Color Purple," is traveling to Gaza along with other female activists to highlight the devastation of the Israeli offensive on Gaza's residents.

"I feel that what is happening in the Middle East is very important because the situation is so volatile," said Walker, speaking by telephone recently from the Rafah border crossing as her group waited to travel into Gaza. "I love people, and I love children and I feel that the Palestinian child is just as precious as the African-American child, as the Jewish child."

Walker is part of a group of about 60 women going to Gaza to deliver aid and meet with NGOs and residents. The trip, organized by the U.S. anti-war group Code Pink, is intended to push both Israel and Egypt to open the borders into Gaza, said Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Code Pink who helped organize the trip.

The trip comes as efforts to reach a long-term cease-fire between Israel and the militant group Hamas have hit a roadblock. An Israeli offensive on Gaza, intended to stop rocket fire into southern Israel, ended Jan. 18 with separate cease-fires declared by both Israel and Hamas.

Members of the group intend to wind up its trip this week, Benjamin said. During their trip, timed to coincide with International Women's Day, they will also deliver baskets filled with personal items such as shampoo for women in Gaza. Walker, who was making her first trip to Gaza, said it was important for Americans who give so much military aid to Israel to understand how their money was being used. "It's very important that they understand what is happening and that we hold our own administration accountable," she said.

A 40-Year Journey: Faces and Places 2009 Photo Exhibit Las Vegas, NV

Internationally acclaimed photographer John Broussard has created an exhibit showcasing 40 years in photojournalism and creative photography. The exhibit is a collection of original photographs and poems covering 4 decades, showcasing his photographic journey. Having traveled throughout the USA, Asia, Africa, and Europe, Mr. Broussard welcomes the opportunity to showcase carefully chosen, thought-provoking images.

Featuring:

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The exhibit will be on display March 28 – June 27, 2009

You are cordially invited to meet Mr. Broussard at a reception on Saturday, April 11, 2009 2-5 p.m.

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