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### **“STOP THE VIOLENCE” TRACK MEET CELEBRATES FIFTH YEAR**

VALLEJO – The fifth annual “Stop The Violence” Track Meet will take place August 13, 2005 at Corbus Field on the campus of Vallejo High School, 840 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA.

Founder Kenny Lewis, a Vallejo High School track star from the 1970s, started the meet in 2000 as a way to encourage unity and send a message that the community will not tolerate violence in any way. The meet, Lewis said, is a way to bring the community together and at the same time give kids something to do during the summer.

“The goal of this meet is not to raise money,” Lewis said. “The goal is to make an event that brings families and friends together that wouldn’t normally come together.”

To accomplish that, Lewis has added an event this year he’s calling the Family Relays, where father and son can race against mother and daughter, or family relay teams can race against other family relay teams.

“Let’s say the father is in one city, and the son is in another city,” Lewis said. “The son can call his father and say, ‘I want to run in family relay. Dad, will you be in Vallejo on August 13?’ I brought a family together when they weren’t normally together.”

Gates open for this year’s event at 8 a.m., with competition beginning at 10 a.m. Cost to participate is \$10 for individual runners, and \$28 for relay teams of four or \$7 per person per relay team.

For those wanting to watch the athletes or participate in the day’s activities, admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students 13-17 with ID or student body card, \$2 for kids 6-12 and kids under 6 are free.

For more information or to participate, please call (707) 643-9087.