

SNEDC Names Bank Site

Otis R. Harris, executive director of the Southern Nevada Economic Development Council, Inc. announced today that a site sign had been erected for the new Community Bank project on the Westside. The bank will be the first in the area, designated by federal authorities as a Special Impact Area. In the past, Las Vegas-based financial institutions have declined to open branches in the economically under-developed area.

Harris noted that this was the preliminary step in the realization of a feasibility study that had been three years in development. The study, conducted by the Westside area would support a bank and that it was desired by residents.

In directing that the sign be erected on acquired property at the Community Bank site, a series of lots on the east side of Highland



Sarann and her family

Sarann Knight Preddy Receives Top Tribute

Beta Eta Theta Chapter, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, left no stone unturned last Saturday in honoring Soror Sarann Knight Preddy at the Fourth Annual "This Is Your Life" banquet at the Aladdin Hotel.

It was a heart-warming, impressive tribute rendered to the honoree...and deservedly so. As was indicated in the printed program for the evening, "Sarann Knight Preddy is recognized as Las Vegas' most prominent 'people' person. For more than 20 years she has been involved as a volunteer worker in every aspect of community activities which are programmed to help people."

The "life" of Sarann

unfolded vividly to the near jam-packed crowd. Alice Key, masterfully handling the "This Is Your Life" segment, moved through Sarann's life portrayal with effortless thoroughness & dispatch. The accomplishments achieved by Sarann were notable and duly recognized. It was a joyous night for all.

Las Vegas Mayor Bill Briare sent a letter as a tribute to Sarann recognizing her civic dedication and community interest. A similar tribute was presented by County Commissioner Thalia Dondero.

Among the many who attended, in addition to the SENTINEL's Publisher/Editor Betty Brown, was State Assem-

blyman Marion Bennett, County Tax Assessor Jean Dutton, Clark County School Superintendent Claude Perkins, Woodrow Wilson, Lubertha Johnson, Realtor Jimmy Toler, Willie Neal, Cranford Crawford, Henry P. Miller and many others.

Soror Martha Jordan served as Mistress of Ceremonies while Soror Bonnie Juniel made a special presentation. Alice Key made one on behalf of the local chapter, NAACP. Other special gifts of recognition were also presented throughout the evening.

It was Sarann Knight Preddy's night and she was very touched throughout the festivities. Her family was equally proud.

Rev. Dunn's Bond Revoked, Sen. Neal Charges Politics

Bail Bondsman Elbert Lyles has revoked Rev. Albert Dunn's bond because, as Lyles claims, "Dunn never paid me the \$1,500 he owed for his bail."

Revocation of Dunn's bond has drawn the ire of State Sen. Joel Neal. Neal charges that Lyles "made himself look good with the white establishment" by revoking the bond, but "he made himself some enemies in the black community, where he gets most of his clients."

"Lyles claims he revoked the bond because he did not want to risk losing it by Dunn skipping town," Neal continued.

Neal also reported that he suspects a minister in the black community had



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something to do with the bond revocation for political reasons. He did not identify the minister but did indicate that it probably tied in with the forthcoming elections.

According to Neal, they have turned over \$1,800 to Lyles who has refused, at this point (a Tuesday

report), to have Dunn released from jail. Lyles has refused to comment on the bond revocation.

When Lyles originally put up the bond March 12 for Dunn to get out of jail, he took the deeds to two pieces of property worth \$60,000, and \$1,500 in cash, Neal said.

Dunn was convicted Jan. 29 of conspiracy to counterfeit for his alleged part in a \$10 million counterfeiting plot, and sentenced to three years in prison.

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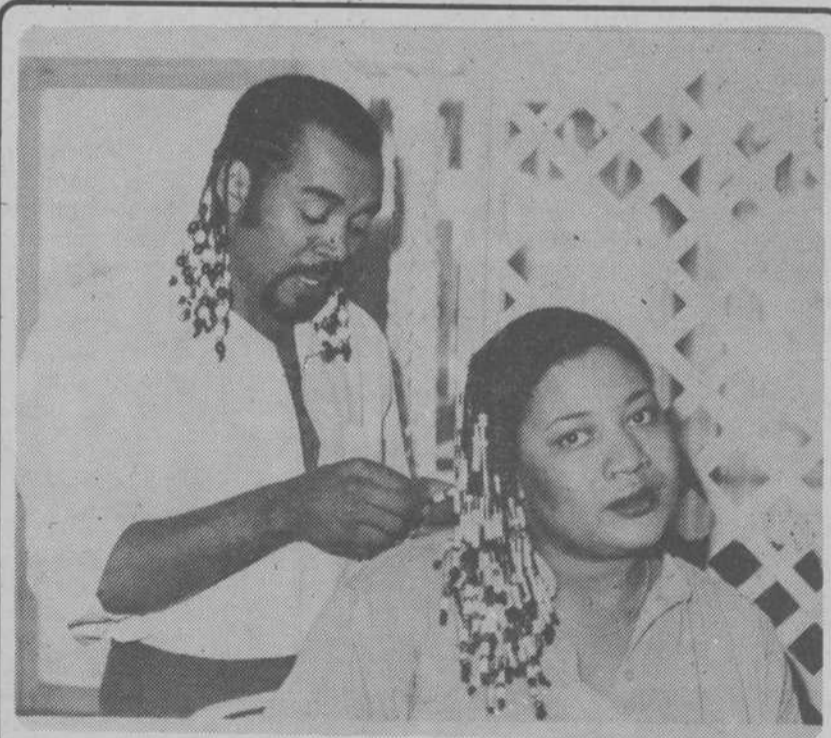
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