

RENO HAPPENINGS



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Reno to rely on senior Randall

The Wolf Pack will rely heavily on senior forward Dwyane Randall, who was All Conference and voted the most valuable player in the post season Big Sky Tournament last year. At 6'6" Randall is a proven rebounder and has a solid outside shot.

EDITORIAL

Bryan should honor King with a day off

The Nevada Legislature erred earlier this year when it rejected a measure that would have established a state holiday in January to honor late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Gov. Richard Bryan can partially right that wrong by declaring next Jan. 20 a holiday for state workers. Bryan should act quickly in agreeing to honor the memory of King, who symbolized equality and justice for all Americans.

Then, when the Legislature meets again in 1987, it should revive the measure and make the third Monday in January an official state holiday. Already, 25 states have declared King's birthday a legal holiday and others are seriously considering such a move.

The arguments, raised in Nevada and elsewhere, that another holiday would cost government too much money, are far outweighed by the value in calling attention to King's accomplishments. Through non-violent means, he worked diligently against extremely difficult odds to bring this country closer together by easing racial prejudice.

Congress saw this as reason to set aside the day as the 10th national holiday, beginning in 1986. King was born on Jan. 15, 1929, and was assassinated in April 4, 1968.

Perhaps King's widow, Coretta Scott King, best summarized the reason for a national holiday in a speech earlier this year:

"Martin's moving example of dignity in the face of threats and hatred gave the whole nation a new hero to admire and emulate. Each year, Martin's national birthday celebration will rekindle in the hearts of all our people a new pride in America, a determination to make it an even greater nation."

— Editorial Reno Gazette Journal

Bramble-Crawley bout

The Livingston Bramble-Tyrone Crawley fight for the World Boxing Association lightweight title has been called off a third time, but promoter Bob Arum expects the bout to be rescheduled for early February at the MGM Grand Hotel-Reno.

The fight was scheduled for last Saturday afternoon at

the MGM Grand, but was scrubbed after Nevada Athletic Commission physician Charles Filippini examined injuries on Crawley's right hand.

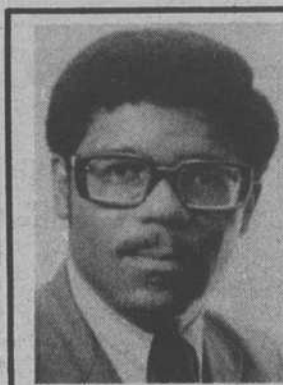
Crawley is suffering from tissue injuries on the index finger and the back of the hand, Arum said.

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FREEDOM AND CHOICE



R. Grant Seals
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This is a story built around an institution - around a man who is interested in his community. This man is Dr. Jesse Hall and the institution is the Reno - Sparks Inter-Faith Gospel Concerts, Inc. Founded by Dr. Hall in 1972, the non-profit organization has given fourteen consecutive annual concerts. Its most recent concert was given Sunday November 10 in Pioneer Auditorium in downtown Reno.

Dr. Hall is a renowned school principal in Reno. But he has a strong interest in music. He was ten years old when he first led a choir playing the piano. He took music lessons after people knew he could play the piano and the lessons only confirmed the obvious. Dr. Hall grew up in Durham, NC and has been in Reno for many years.

The annual concerts are peopled by a multi-voiced choir representing 12 to 25 churches in the greater Reno area. The choir itself averages 60 to 65 voices and is interracial. The funds raised are given to various non-profit organizations to benefit the community. Funds raised from this year's concert will go to Senior Citizens of Washoe County.

The concerts are a genuine American article reflecting in the music a blend of gospel, American spiritual, and jazz and done in an elegant but very inspiring manner. The Pioneer Auditorium, with a capacity of 1400 persons, possesses excellent acoustics and presents a perfect place for Dr. Hall's concerts.

Dr. Hall would like to express his appreciation to all those who supported this year's concert in any way and especially to those in attendance on Nov. 10, which witnessed the biggest snowfall in 116 years.

R. Grant Seals, Ph.D.

Former UNR All-American joins Canadian all-star team

MONTREAL (AP) — James Curry, an All-America nose guard for the University of Nevada-Reno in 1978, made the 26-member Canadian Football League all-star team announced Thursday.

Curry, a defensive tackle for the Toronto Argonauts, was voted on by selected members of the Football Reporters of Canada.

Reno police captain sues Lehnrs for defamation

By Jim Sloan
Gazette-Journal

A Reno police captain has filed a defamation lawsuit against City Councilwoman Florence Lehnrs, claiming he's suffered "contempt and ridicule" since Lehnrs accused him last summer of drinking on the job.

Deputy Chief Lonnie Jackson also named the city of Reno in his lawsuit, alleging the city has failed to "supervise" Lehnrs despite her reputation for being "unpredictable and unreasonable."

Lehnrs declined to comment on the suit.

City Attorney Robert Van Wagoner said he hadn't read Jackson's Washoe District Court complaint, but planned to handle it "just like any other complaint against the city."

Jackson claims Lehnrs came into the station on June 4, the city election day, and said to him, "lay off the sauce" and "I know booze when I smell it." He claims the comments were

overheard by a citizen, a police lieutenant and others.

Jackson immediately took an alcohol breath test, which showed no alcohol. The test results were filed with his lawsuit.

Jackson, a 14-year veteran with the Reno force, filed a \$50,000 claim with the city in August and asked for a public apology from Lehnrs. The city turned down the damage request, and Jackson has rejected three apology letters from Lehnrs.

The suit charges Lehnrs with breach of contract; negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress; malicious defamation; and invasion of privacy. It asks for at least \$23,000 in damages for each of eight complaints.

The suit also claims the city erred in not censuring Lehnrs and for failing to "correct, retract or otherwise remedy the situation."



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