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Emergency Energy Assistance Available

CARSON CITY--Governor Richard Bryan today announced the Nevada Office of Community Services is expanding its regular Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to include an Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP).

Governor Bryan said "The new program starts January 1st. It is designed to help low income Nevadans who

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Salute to Lt. Cecil Pearson

Lt. Cecil Pearson is the assistant division commander of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detective's Division. He has been with the Sheriff's Office for seventeen (17) years.

He is a graduate of Western Nevada Community College (1976) at Reno. He is also a graduate of the FBI Academy, a native of Texas and has lived in Reno for 26 years.

Aside from his duties with the Sheriff's office, Pearson is involved in Civic Affairs within the community. He is presently a member of the Board of Directors for the Reno Sunrise Kiwanis Club, and is Sparks Planning Commissioner.

Pearson's other duties at the Sheriff's office includes being in charge of the Hostage Negotiations Team.

He is married to Else and they make their home in Sparks.

REGISTER

Dr. M.L. King schedule of activities set for Reno

The Northern Nevada Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Advisory Committee will be having a community-wide church service to honor Dr. King on Sunday, Jan. 19 at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 1810 Helena Street, Reno, Nevada. The service will begin at 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20, there will be a March of Peace starting at 12 noon. The march will begin at Virginia Street and Commercial Row and proceed to the University of Nevada where the main Martin Luther King Program and Reception will be held at approximately 2 p.m. Gov. Richard Bryan will be the guest speaker. The National Dr. Martin Luther King's theme is "Living the Dream." The public is invited to attend all of the program free of charge.

Anyone needing additional information may contact Bertha Mullins at 786-6023.

Baseball's credibility hinges on drug tests says Newcombe

Don Newcombe, who suffered from alcoholism when he won the Cy Young Award in 1956, said players might be forced to prove they don't use drugs to restore baseball's credibility, with fans.

"They're going to have to agree to urinalysis testing," said Newcombe, the Los Angeles Dodgers' director of community relations. He also supervises the team's alcohol and drug rehabilitation program.

"That's going to have to be settled," said Newcombe, who indicated baseball's team owners could increase the pressure for players to test this season. "Come hell or high water, it's going to have to be settled. It's going to be this baseball season. Maybe before the season starts, during the season, or before it ends. That's my guess. It's going to have to happen."

Newcombe, who pitched in three World Series for the Brooklyn Dodgers, spoke at Sunday's dedication ceremonies for the Truckee Meadows Hospital's drug-abuse center in Sparks.

Monday, Newcombe discussed major-league players who names have been linked to cocaine use and Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's plans to deal with the sport's drug problem.

"I think baseball and the players who have been involved in drugs have lost their credibility, to a large degree, as far as fans are concerned," said Newcombe, a spokesman for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Ueberroth will begin meetings this week with 24 players, including seven who testified last September at the Pittsburgh federal drug trial in which former Philadelphia Phillies caterer Curtis Strong was sentenced to 12 years in prison for selling cocaine to players.

Newcombe doesn't think Ueberroth, who is supposed to meet with Keith Hernandez of the New York Mets today and Dave Parker of the Cincinnati Reds Wednesday, should suspend players who were implicated during the trial.

"I think what they should do is maybe spend 300 or 400 hours a year of their spare time in community service," Newcombe said. "He (Ueberroth) could sentence Dave Parker, for instance, to 300 or 400 hours. Let him go around to some hospitals like Truckee Meadows North, where there are a bunch of kids suffering from alcohol abuse... Let him go speak to them and spend some time with them."

Ueberroth has left open the possibility of penalties

against Parker, Hernandez, Jeff Leonard of the San Francisco Giants and other players whom the trial linked to drugs.

According to Newcombe, fans suspect drug abuse just about every time a player strikes out or boots a ground ball.

"They make an error. Right away, they're on drugs," said Newcombe, who won 149 games during his 10-year career in the major leagues. "They drop a fly ball, or lose it in the sun. He couldn't see because he was on drugs. They're always accusing. People are pointing accusing fingers at you."

They won't stop, Newcombe said, until the players' union abandons its stand against mandatory drug testing.

"There is going to have to be some changes made," said Newcombe, who is the only pitcher in major-league history to win the Cy Young, Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player awards. "But what changes will they (players) agree to? They won't agree to drug testing. Why? If you're not guilty, what are you worrying about? Why do you say, 'I'm not going to agree to any drug testing?'"

Newcombe fears the drug controversy will hurt baseball at the ticket booth.

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