

HOUSTON MAN HITS \$16,143 ON NICKLE PROGRESSIVE AT THE IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL & CASINO



Larry Bradford and his wife, Stephanie, of Houston, TX, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary in grand style when Larry hit four 7's on a nickel progressive slot machine at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. It was Larry's first visit to Las Vegas.

Just before leaving for the airport for their flight home, Larry decided to try his luck "one more time." Lady Luck decided to smile on them and smile she did when Larry saw four 7's appear on the

center line of the slot machine.

Larry exclaims, "I feel great! We can do a lot of things with some of that money like start a family, buy a house and get a car."

Larry is an appliance salesman at Highland Superstores in Houston. Grinning from ear to ear he says, "I shall return! I've enjoyed my stay. I've had a real good time!"

Slot Manager Brian Bulmer is pictured congratulating Bradford on his lucky win at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino.

HOUSE APPROVES "BILBRAY PROVISIONS" 474TH AIR FORCE WING WILL NOT LEAVE NELLIS

WASHINGTON—The U.S. House of Representatives today approved the "Bilbray Provisions" as part of a compromise Pentagon funding bill; the bill will assure that the Nellis based 474th Tactical Fighter Wing will not be deactivated.

"The Wing is saved," said Rep. James H. Bilbray, D-Las Vegas. "It's been a long, drawn out fight, but it was worth the effort."

In April of this year, the House Armed Services Committee accepted the "Bilbray Provisions" as part of the Defense Authorization Bill, capping three months of intensive work by the Southern Nevada legislator.

The House voted today to approve the Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 1988, which included the Bilbray Provisions. This was a compromise Pentagon funding bill worked out between the House and the Senate. The measure needs to be approved by the Senate and then signed into law by the President.

In January of this year the Pentagon announced plans to deactivate the 474th. The loss of the unit would result in an estimated 2,000 federal jobs at Nellis, which would immediately cost Nevada \$59 million in federal payroll funds. Because of the multiplier effect of the payroll, the loss of these funds would cost the state economy another \$147 million.

"We have averted an economic setback of significant proportions," Bilbray said.

Bilbray and Senate Harry Reid, concerned that today's bill would not pass, also inserted the "Bilbray Provisions" in Appropriations bills as a 474th "Insurance Policy."

"Senator Reid and I wanted to cover all the bases in the event that the authorization bill did not go forward," Bilbray said. "In the event there is a veto of this bill, the provisions in the appropriations bills will save the 474th fighter wing."

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN OLIVER KILLENS

by Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

The passing of John Oliver Killens is a historic loss for all African people and for all freedom-loving peoples throughout the World. When I first heard the news that John had died I paused with a deep sense of grief. For the last several years Brother Killens and I had worked on a manuscript for a book on the case of the Wilmington Ten. During this time I had the rare pleasure of getting to know him and his lovely and supportive wife, Grace.

John Killens was a freedom fighter. His weapon was his pen. Killens was an outstanding novelist, playwright, college professor, activist, organizer and mentor. He led the way for a whole generation of writers who have labored to present the African American experience authentically.

In 1952, Killens founded the Harlem Writers Guild in New York City. As playwright Lofton Mitchell affirmed, "Killens was its fire; he was its glue." Under his leadership the Guild encouraged and nurtured hundreds of African American writers. Authors such as Maya Angelou, John Henrik Clarke, Alice Childress, Lofton Mitchell, Lonne Elder III, Douglas Turner Ward, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Sandra Sharp, Paule Marshall, Audre Lourde, Julian Mayfield, Rosa Guy, Elsa Dinwiddie, Virgil Logan, Wesley Brown, Amiri Baraka, Arthur Flowers, Louise Merriweather, William Branch, Sarah Wright, Nikki Giovanni, Geri Wilson, Richard Perry, Barbara Sommers and many others all benefited from Killens' commitment and dedication. He had what author Alice Childress called "a generosity of spirit."

Ossie Davis recently said of John Killens, "He has influenced more of us, including Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., than anybody I can think of. He was one of the greatest among us

(and) we will miss him dearly."

Killens' first novel, "Youngblood," was published in 1954 and was recently reissued. It portrays an African American community that is locked in a life and death struggle in pursuit of basic human rights in a small Georgia town. His second novel, "And Then We Heard the Thunder," published in 1963, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. This groundbreaking novel was about the struggle of African Americans against racism in the military during World War II. His last book, "The Great Black Russian: The Life and Times of Alexander Pushkin," is presently in publication by Wayne State Press. In all, he wrote over a dozen books and plays, in addition to numerous essays and other writings.

Killens' writings continue to have an international impact. His writings have been translated into 14 different languages and his cultural influence has been felt throughout the world. Keorapetse Kgotsitsile, South African poet and spokesman for the African National Congress (ANC), sent a special message from the ANC to the Killens' family: "John, in his quiet, unassuming, selfless almost shy but uncompromising and determined manner taught us many lessons... We survive because of a John Oliver Killens and his understanding and vision of our world."

We all must pay tribute to this man who gave so much of himself in the struggle to rid the world of racism and oppression. The legacy of John Killens challenges us to produce and nurture more writers committed to the pursuit of truth and justice. The legacy of John Killens challenges us not to waste precious time but to use every moment to advance the cause of freedom.

HEAD OUT ON THE HIGHWAY . . .

The Hacienda Hotel & Casino will be the ultimate destination of the American Motorcyclist Association 1987 Los Angeles to Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport Ride on November 27 and 28.

This is not a race but a fun and exciting ride through the beautiful painted desert using existing trail and roads ending in Las Vegas at the

Hacienda. Dual sport riding has been around since the late 60's and compliments both the off-road riders and the road rider. Dual sport riding is considered the "Best of Both Worlds" in riding style.

Trophies will be awarded so stop by the Hacienda Hotel November 28 and watch the bikes "roll in."



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op this chronic disease for which there is treatment, but no cure. Unusual thirst, frequent urination, nausea and rapid weight loss are the major symptoms of this form of diabetes, which afflicts some 500,000 American children and young adults.

"Most new cases of diabetes in children occur between November and March and often the symptoms can

be confused with gastroenteritis or flu," warned Toffel. "We urge anyone who has these symptoms to be checked by a physician at once. If this serious form of diabetes is not detected and treated, it can result in coma and death."

Other symptoms or warning signs of diabetes include vomiting, abdominal pain and fatigue. These symptoms should also be reported to the doctor promptly.

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2. My level of refinement is average.
3. Off-color language is embarrassing.
4. Perfection is often just an accident.
5. Most people would consider me unsophisticated.
6. I dislike having to get dressed up to go out.
7. Early hotel check-out times are annoying.
8. People place too much emphasis on sex these days.
9. Moral values are lower now than ever before.
10. Love and commitment should precede sex.