

WEST LAS VEGAS BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW LIBRARY

Politicians, librarians and black community representatives withstood 100 degree temperatures on Wednesday, May 11, when the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District ceremonially broke ground for the construction of the new West Las Vegas library, an undertaking which has been on hold for nearly two years.

Ramadan of Sen. Harry Reid's office, Verla Davis, chairperson of the WLV library site committee, CC School Board member Yvonne Atkinson-Gates, Zanira Al-Amin of the Black Chamber of Commerce, Director Bobby McRoy of the Doolittle Rec. Center and WLV community leaders Reverend Parks, president of the

The new 12,200 square foot building, designed by architect Arturo Cambiero, is octagonal in shape, with a copper-colored roof, clerestory windows, a covered patio area, a young people's section and a flexible, 200-person conference room. An active literacy program in the LV-CCLD prompted the design of four separate com-



State Senator Joe Neal addresses the audience at the Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the new Westside Library, as (left to right) Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board Chairman Danny Lee, County Commissioner William Pearson and City Councilman Bob Nolan look on.

The two-acre site, on the north end of Doolittle Park on Lake Mead Boulevard between H and J streets, next to the Park's recreation and community center, was donated to the LV-CCLD by the City of Las Vegas. That allowed the district to put more of its \$800,000 fund into the building, rather than the purchase of land. When first selected two years ago, the site stirred some concern among WLV community leaders who questioned whether the park's space should be cut back by a building, and whether it would be a desirable location for young people to use the library. After a lengthy search, no better site was found and the city, the library district and the WLV community leaders agreed upon Doolittle Park.

The new building is anticipated to be open by late December.

Dignitaries at the groundbreaking ceremony included Library District Director Charles Hunsberger, Mayor Ron Lurie, State Senator Joe Neal, City Councilman Bob Nolan, LV-CCLD Board of Trustees Chairman Danny Lee, WLV Library Administrator Darrell Batson, who all spoke. Also in attendance were County Commissioner Pearson, Franklin Simpson of Sen. Bilbray's office, Mr.

Ministerial Alliance, and Reverend Ward.

The concept of a library in predominantly black West Las Vegas dates back to 1973 when an 8,000 square foot storefront library was leased by the district at 1402 N. D St., which is where the West Las Vegas library presently operates. The need for the new library has grown as book circulation expanded 171 percent since 1974. Some 26,000 library cards have been issued from the library branch and 1,800 more are given out each year. Over 72,000 materials have been checked out since its opening.

puter terminal areas and three sections for one-on-one literacy tutoring.

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BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

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"I don't want 100% of nothing, just 12% of everything"

PRESIDENT JESSE JACKSON'S PRIORITIES

"The most productive quarter of a century for equality for black people came to a close in 1980."

Reverend Jesse Jackson has been elected President of these United States by 35 million Black American citizens. Therefore, since this places him as head of one of the top ten largest nations in the world, it is about time he heard our demands. Democrats and Republicans (yes, there are a few Black American Republicans) agree that excellency in education and economic development are essential for all Black Americans to achieve equality during the 1989 to 1994 Presidential term of office in this country.

Therefore, we demand that you select excellent Black American people to the positions of power that affect these two areas "on the

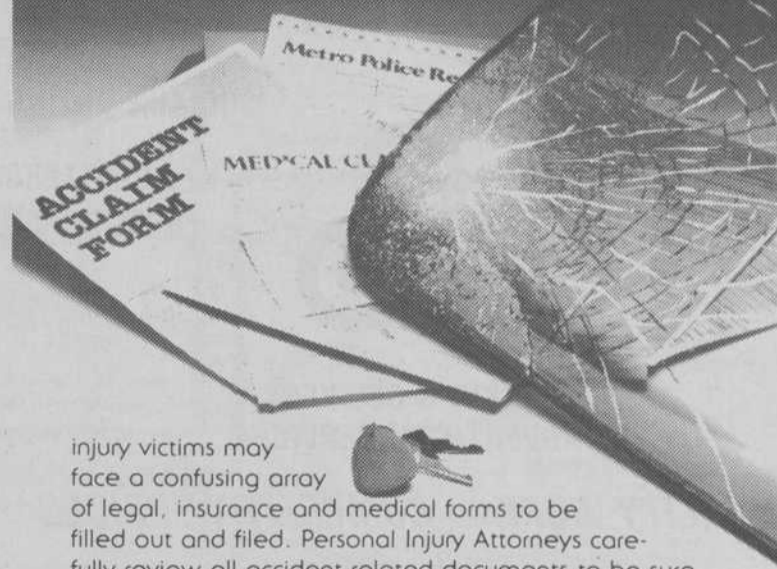
double." Do not fool around with a lot of well-meaning good natured white Americans who believe they know what is best for Black America. We have the poor results of these experiments from previous Democrat Presidents. "Benign neglect" of our problems has been tried not only by President Reagan, but previous Republican Presidents and it is an out and out failure. Put simply, Sir Jesse, just get us a lot of good Black folks in office!

Now we know you are going to get lots of names for all those high paying and power positions, but do not overlook the large number of second and third tier appointments. We are going to count them, that's right, head by head, sex by sex, in each seat they sit! In case you think we are racist, you are wrong! We just want 12% of

everything!! This means providing 12% of all places in day care centers for Black children, as well as 12% of all profits from defense contractors. Consular corp, ambassador appointments and any cabinet or commission assignments should hit the magic 12%. Affirmative action is a requirement in your first 300 days in office. After that, you can act like you are a white American, and pretend to take care of other groups. Actually, there is plenty of room for you to take care of our friends who are members of the "Rainbow Coalition." Considering you may have trouble from that other non-colored country in these United States, we are willing to compromise to allow people without any color to continue to work at an equal level with favorite

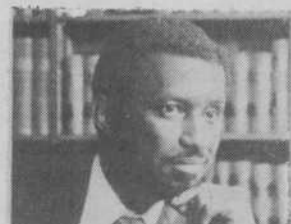
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