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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

LAKERS' STAR FORCED TO RETIRE

MAGIC JOHNSON TESTS POSITIVE FOR HIV VIRUS

By W.G. Ramirez

"Because of the HIV virus I have attained, I will have to retire from the Lakers today." Those were the words Earvin "Magic" Johnson used to open his press conference and shock the world at 3:11 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

"My wife is fine, she has tested negative. Yes my life will change, but I will always be a part of the NBA and will be around for a long time," explained Johnson.

Magic had missed the first week of the 1991-92 season with symptoms of the flu. Wednesday afternoon, tests confirmed that Johnson had contracted the virus.

Johnson stated that he will become a

spokesman for the HIV virus and try to get the message across to the youth of today about the seriousness of this disease. "Hopefully people will see that everybody can get the disease, even Magic Johnson. Kids today need to know how important it is to practice safe sex," he added.

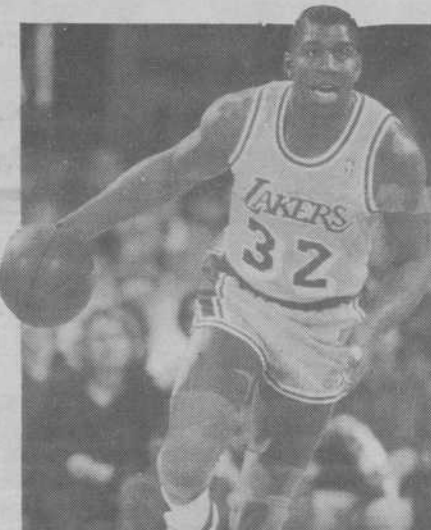
Magic was asked how he felt at the press time, "I feel great, a part of my life (the NBA) is gone but my wife is fine and my life will go on."

It has not yet been decided how Johnson will be treated. Magic's doctors revealed, "there are a number of medications available but we haven't decided how we will treat Earvin. He is not on any medication at this

time. He is a healthy man, we expect him to remain healthy and Magic Johnson will be around for a long time."

Johnson's doctors also stressed the courage it took for Magic to come forward with the devastating news. "Because of all the work he has done with kids, the Lakers and the NBA, Magic wanted to go public because of the impact he knows he has on society. Today we witnessed a courageous act by a very special man."

Earvin "Magic" Johnson is a true human being who has always made the right moves, unfortunately the last move was to end his career at the age of 32, but, as always, it was the right move.



Earvin "Magic" Johnson

New Dillard's Store Dedicated



Ramon Savoy

Minutes before the opening of the new Dillard's family store at the Boulevard Mall, final preparations were taking place. On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday was Dillard Department Store Inc. Chairman William Dillard.

The new 208,000 square foot, two level store is the largest of the three Dillard's stores located in Las Vegas. "This new 'true' Dillard's store is five times larger than the 41,000 square foot store that was located inside the Boulevard Mall complex", said Bob Baker, Vice President

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LV BLACK SPORTS HALL OF FAME AWARDS NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS

By W.G. Ramirez

November 6, 1991 is now going to be remembered as a great day in history for Las Vegas African-American athletes. Las Vegas, which has a long history of outstanding African-American athletes, is now the sixth city in the nation to honor those who have contributed to the sports legacy of America.

Mayor Jan Laverty Jones and Councilman Frank Hawkins signed a proclamation stating November 6th as Black Sports Hall Of Fame Day.

This day will honor those outstanding athletes that have been extraordinary role models in the community. Individuals that have proved to be a great influence in the battle against drugs, gangs and illiteracy. Individuals such as: Silas Stepp, Overton Curtis, Lee White, G.

Jean Brooks and Al McDaniel - the 1991 inductees into the Black Sports Hall Of Fame.

In 1993 the Black Sports Hall Of Fame Museum Exhibit will open at the California Afro-American Museum and will honor all the athletes that have been inducted,

including these five outstanding individuals - Stepp, Curtis, White, Brooks and McDaniel.

Stepp, known as the greatest athlete to perform at UNLV, (Nevada Southern at the time), still holds records for scoring and rebounding during his remarkable basketball career at UNLV. "It is a pleasant surprise to see the people that gave their all be honored for what they've achieved. It is nice to see the black community come together like this," explained Mr. Stepp.

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