20 **CITY OF LV EXPANDS LOCAL** Las Vegas Mayor Jan Laverty Jones today announced expan-

sion of local emergency shelter space after the City requested that Catholic Community Services of Nevada relocate their Plaza Thrift Store from St. Vincent Plaza to the Smart and Final building located across the street. Smart & Final has agreed to lease their building at 1503 N. Main at no cost to Catholic Community Services. This will allow Catholic Community Services to expand the emergency shelter space at St. Vincent Plaza into the area currently occupied by the thrift store.

"The City's suggestion to allow the Plaza Thrift Store to relocate to the Smart & Final building will be much more cost effective. This move will not only allow additional spaced needed for the emergency shelter program, but it also takes advantage of all the existing services performed at St. Vincent's," said Sharon Downing, administrator of St. Vincent Plaza.

The Mayor also expressed her thanks on behalf of the City Council to the Paiute Indian Colony, located near the Smart & Final building, for their cooperation with relocation of the thrift store. The expanded shelter opened Wednesday, November 25, and the city council is expected to acquire the Smart & Final building in January

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

(1st Black Woman Commercial Pilot)

By Gwen Walker

Willa Brown was born in Kentucky and educated in Indiana. Willa started flying in the Chicago area in 1934 and earned her commercial pilots license in 1937. She was founder and director of the Coffey School of Aeronautics in 1938.

Through her efforts in the civilian pilots training program in 1941, Blacks were included; which aided in the formation of the famed 99th pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee. The Coffey School trained over 200 pilots from 1938 to 1945 when it closed.

GWEN WALKER

In 1972 she became a member of (WACO) the Federal Aviation Agency's Women Advisory Committee on Aviation, of which she was the first Black womAn.

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December 3, 1992 **POET'S CORNER By Any Means Necessary** (A tribute to Malcolm X)

By Derick Wickliffe

How does one begin to turn a partially, backwards country around. First, nurture the mind with education, Then stand for something or say nothing at all. Because freedom is something often fought for and rarely found.

If you have to fight to maintain your freedom. While others are trying to ride your back. Stand up and be a man, And let your oppressors know where its at.

There are some African-Americans, Who feel that life in America is a social hell. Because America's racist system of oppression, Is like a sewer that continues to smell.

> Many have asked -"What does the black man want?" "What does the black man need?" He wants the freedom of being treated like a human being. And he wants America to immediately live up to its creed.

Once, the most feared black man in America -Malcolm X, refused to turn the other cheek. Was this an act of violence? Or was it a wake up call for America's decaying justice system, Which has its share of bad leaks.

And after his pilgrimage to Mecca, Malcolm X negotiated on both sides of the color line for all. And as the inspiration for black liberation. He asked the world to heed to his call.

And what is the probability of peace in America? Or is this some fallacy or dream. Some say, "By any means necessary", While others say go with the majority and be part of the team.

WHO'S WEEDS? WHAT SEEDS?

By Keith A. Brantley

Make no mistake. You can't smoke it; But somebodys blowin smoke. Community strangulation and the people choke. No,

this weed ain't commercial; you won't get Buddah-blessed; plant the seeds that they give you and trick, get finessed. Weed and Seed? **Brother Please!**