

By Muhammad Abdullah In an attempt to add to the ambience of the soon-to-open Treasure Island Hotel and Casino, Steve Wynn, owner of the facility had replicas of the 15th and 16th century pirate ships brought in. This novel idea - which Wynn is well known for - stirred up controversy in the African-American community

The controversy stemmed from one of the replica vessels being named after Sir Francis Drake.

The protest was led by Ron Current, President of the Black Panther Party.

Las Vegas Chapter, along with Kamau Khalfani, local radio talk show host at KLAV and Prime Minister of Informa-

Current voiced his satisfaction while at Black Panther Party headquarters Wednesday about the immediate re-

"If we work together in the community, there is nothing that we can't accomplish" Ron Current, President Black Panther Party, Las Vegas Chapter



sponse that Wynn made to a request from many community residents to remove Sir Francis Drake's name from the ship. Why remove his name? Drake was

one of the most skilled and well known navigators in England in her heyday of

pand the empire.

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City of Los Angeles, Wednesday, faced one of its biggest tests: reaction to U.S. District Judge John Davies' sentencing of suspended Sergeant Stacey Koon and officer Lawrence Powell.

Prosecutors were looking for sentences of seven to nine and nine to eleven years, respectively, for Powell and Koon, who were convicted in Federal Court in April for violating King's civil rights following a highspeed car chase.

However, when sentencing took place Wednesday, most - especially those from the black community - felt little more than disappointment. The two were sentenced to 30 months each, well short of the maximum sentence of 10 years.

Defense lawyer Ira Salzmar the other hand, hoped for a probsentence for Koon. "He is a highly commended

respected man who was convict conduct that lasted a little more. 40 seconds," he said of Koon, who has spent many years in law enforcement. "And 40 seconds should not wipe out a lifetime of good work."

During the sentencing, Judge Davies cited that Koon and Powell had already suffered through two trials, in addition to being suspended from the force. He also added that King was partially responsible for what happened the night of the beating, thus making it possible to hand down the lighter sentences.

Fearful that tensions may arise as a result of the sentences, on top of the fact that jury selections have begun in the much awaited trial of the two black (See Officers, Page 10)

ITINEL-VOICE TO HOST "STRIVI STAY IN SCHOOL" AT A.D. GUY CENTE Sentinel-Voice Futrell, Scott Higgins and Colin Cow-

In hopes of getting a positive message across to the kids at the A.D. Guy Center, the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice will host Strivin' 2 Stay In School on August 9, at the Boys & Girls Club's facility located at 817 N. N St.

The afternoon will include guest visits from local TV Sports Directors Ron

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herd and also Sentinel-Voice columnist and School of African Philosophy Minister of Information Ulysses Palrose. The afternoon will be emceed by

tion for the School of African Philoso-

phy (SOAP); Marzette Lewis, President

of WAAK-UP; Omar Yusef, member of

Five Percent Nation of Islam.

Youth Educator Mark Andrews. A reformed ex-felon, Andrews has been involved in public speaking for eight (See Stay In School, Page 11)

settlements, discovery and colonization. Queen Elizabeth committed a great deal of funding to Drake to enable him to circumnavigate the globe and ex-

Drake not only was a brilliant ship



position with local people." statement stated Sunday, August 1, 1993 by Robert Maxie, President and



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Classes at Nevada Partners' Life Skills Training Center, located on North Rancho Drive, is the first step for those interested in gaining employment Photo by Paula Irons

Maxie said that after becoming aware of the impending need to provide jobs for local youth and in collaboration with Governor Bob Miller and Kirk Kerkorian, that Kerkorian then committed one million dollars to Nevada Partners. After the social unrest that followed

the acquittal of several Los Angeles police officers in Simi Valley - who brutalized Rodney King - it became imperative that something had to be done to assist at-risk and disadvantaged youth in our nation's inner cities particularly African Americans and other (See Nevada Partners, Page 10)

Women's Council of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers has announced that this year's recipient of their prestigious ACME award will be Sarann knight Preddy, owner of the Moulin Rouge Hotel and Casino. The award will be presented at the organization's Annual Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, August 11, 1993 at the Sands Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada

A native of Oklahoma, Preddy arrived in Las Vegas in 1942, with the hope of finding employment and to raise her growing family. After having been turned down by most companies, she decided to learn the garning business. Withher future in mind, she studied Business Management as well as as Real Estate, earning degrees in both subjects.

Preddy and her husband, Joe, currently own and operate the fashion-



SARAAN KNIGHT-PREDDY able club in Las Vegas, "The Moulin Rouge." As the only African American woman with a gaming license in the United States, Preddy has worked to maintain her standards of quality, dedication to a goal and commitment to her ideas she learned from her par-(See Preddy, Page 12)

The above mentioned is a mission Chief Executive Officer of MGM Grand

