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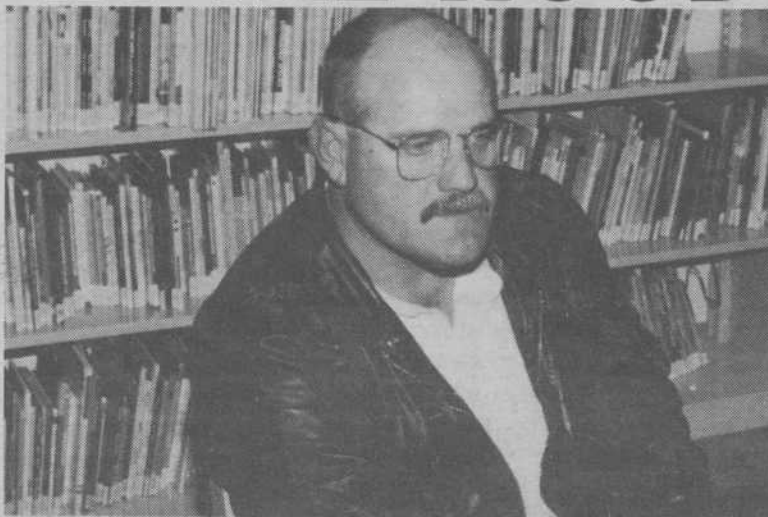
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BOOZE IN THE HOOD

By Victor S. Ingram

Perhaps the most underplayed social issue affecting the African American society is the prevalence of alcohol within its urban community. While gang and drug issues have permeated our contemporary media, alcohol consumption and subsequent abuse has been allowed to run rampant through the community. Issues of AIDS and teenage pregnancy are deeply correlated to a culture sadated by the powerful effects of beer and hard liquor. During the L.A. riots of '92, after critiques cited alcohol as a significant factor in the "mob hysteria", which resulted in billions of dollars in losses. Locally, police are baffled at the infusion of alcohol related crimes. These crimes vary from an intoxicated husband, who beats his wife and children after a drinking binge,



Metro Lt. Mike Ault feels community must share in the policing effort.

to a car load of gang members, who shoot and kill rival gang members possessed with the false courage of malt (See Booze in the Hood, Page 11)

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CNN NEWSROOM AND JESSE JACKSON TEAM WITH STUDENTS TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT VIOLENCE

Nearly one million people between the ages of 12 and 19 are victims of rape, robbery or assault. Many of their attackers are peers, and the attacks are more likely to occur at their schools. CNN NEWSROOM will present a special 45-minute, commercial-free program called "Code of Silence" focusing on this growing spread of violence among today's youth. CNN NEWSROOM anchors Cassandra Henderson and Brian Andrews examine violence in the inner-cities and how it has spread into schools, a place once considered a "safe" refuge from the dangers lurking on our city streets. This special edition of CNN NEWSROOM will air Wednesday, December 8, from 3:45 - 4:30 AM (ET).

Henderson and Andrews will join Rev. Jesse Jackson in Washington, DC, to speak with young people about their views on the rising of violence among their peers. Rev. Jackson takes his call for a new civil rights movement against those who perpetuate violence, asking students to break their code of silence and turn criminals in. A roundtable will focus on possible solutions kids offer to curb the continuing spread of violence among teens. "Code of Silence" (See CNN Newsroom, Page 5)



JESSE JACKSON

HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES REVITALIZATION EFFORT FOR MARBLE MANOR

By Victor S. Ingram

Prominent businessman, Sammie R. Armstrong, announced a new effort by the Las Vegas Housing Authority to revitalize the West Las Vegas community. Armstrong, who is president and general manager of Ray & Ross Transport, Inc., plays a dual role as an appointed commissioner for the City of Las Vegas Housing Authority. During a meeting held on October 5, 1993, Armstrong detailed a major refurbishing effort which could potentially provide a prototype for low income housing developments throughout the United States. The project will involve a multi-million dollar face lift for the Marble Manor Complex, located at the corner of Washington and Martin Luther King Blvd. The complex, constructed in 1941, suffers from near blight conditions from poor plumbing, peeling paint, and inefficient insulation, resulting in poor heating and refrigeration.

The redevelopment will encompass a near complete overhaul of the facility, says Armstrong. Other issues which will be addressed is the abatement of existing hazardous lead based building materials and the installation of full sized air conditioners-a first for public housing. "We also want to instill a sense of ownership and pride within the community," says Armstrong. Inclusive of redevelopment plans is to gate selective areas off to limit crime and gang activ-

ity. Current residents have voiced many concerns of rampant gang warfare and disgruntled feelings towards the housing authority's commitment towards security.

Residents will be required to move during the project, which will be done in separate phases. All moving costs will be underwritten by the housing authority.

Armstrong says the multi-million dollar effort will involve several contractors and several residents of the complex, who will be hired on as workers by contractors once construction begins. "We've intentionally broken the bid down to allow for equal participation by the small businessman," said Armstrong. Armstrong said the contracts will also



SAM ARMSTRONG

mandate that residents are hired to assist in the project. "The opportunity to develop job skills will be afforded to residents as well as the chance to rebuild your own community," said Armstrong.

LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT PLACES MORATORIUM ON TRAFFIC WARRANTS

Presiding Judge Seymore H. Brown announced recently that motorists who have failed to pay traffic fines with the Municipal Court, and who have had warrants issued for their arrests, will get a chance to pay during a court imposed moratorium for the month of December. If these motorists don't take advantage of the program, they may end up spending the Christmas/New Year Holidays in jail.

Judge Ron Parraguirre and Judge Tony Abbatangelo, who preside over

Thursday and Friday court sessions, will also allow the moratorium on traffic warrants. Cases will be heard during the month of December only. Cases will be scheduled into the regular court sessions held Monday through Friday. In order to be scheduled for court, defendants must come to the front counter between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. When defendants appear at the front counter, they will be given a (See Traffic Warrants, Page 5)

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