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OJ SUFFERS MAJOR COURT SETBACK

LOS ANGELES - Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has delivered a major setback to O.J. Simpson's defense team. Ito today ruled that prosecutors can introduce evidence of the football legend's alleged history of domestic violence against his slain former wife during Simpson's double-murder trial. This means the jury will hear about numerous incidents in which Simpson is alleged to have threatened, beat and stalked Nicole Brown Simpson. Opening statements are scheduled for Monday.

KING'S SON ASKS FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR BLACKS

ATLANTA (Reuter) - The son of the Rev. Martin Luther King, speaking on the national holiday honoring his father, said Monday that his father's dream of freedom for blacks would not be fully realized until they also have economic freedom. "We are closer and yet further away from the promised land than we were 30 years ago," Dexter King said during a commemorative service on the national holiday honoring his father, who was assassinated in Memphis in 1968. In perhaps her last "State of the Dream" address, Coretta Scott King, King's widow, said the nation's "compassion deficit" was more important than the government's budget deficit.

WEST LAS VEGAS ARTS CENTER OFFERS CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUTHS

By Victor Ingram

A 7,600-square-foot facility which provides cultural services to youths of the West Las Vegas community opened last Friday, January 13. The West Las Vegas Arts Center opened its doors with a host of city and county officials in attendance for the grand opening festivities. The center provides a dance studio, music rehearsal studio, and an arts and crafts workshop.

Located at the intersection of Lake Mead and "H" Street, the target group for the center is youths from the predominantly low-income African-American community. It was jointly funded through the City of Las Vegas and Clark County governments. The \$1.2 million center is considered as a vehicle for cultural expression. It is funded through federal grants from the Community Development Block Grant program. It will be operated by the City of Las Vegas Parks and Leisure Activities Department.

"Youth are the hope of the future. It is appropriate that we begin with them as we look to the revitalization of these neighborhoods," says Clark County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates about the opening of the facility.

Gates, along with Mayor Jan Jones and Councilmen Frank Hawkins and Ken Brass, supported the project for its cultural benefits to the community. "I'm excited by the many creative opportunities that this center will offer our youth," added the Mayor.

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The 7,600-square-foot facility will provide cultural services to youths of the West Las Vegas community



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY HOSTS POLITICAL FORUM

By Victor Ingram

The first effort to bring recently elected public officials back to the community produced a sparse turnout from audience participants, but a significant turnout from politicians. Hosted by the coalition organization, Unity in the Community, the forum was held on Thursday, January 12 at the West Las Vegas Library. Those in attendance included recently elected Sheriff Jerry Keller and University Regent Shelly Beckley. City Councilman Frank Hawkins was also in attendance. Most elected officials, however, were represented by staff members. Elected officials spoke before a marginal crowd of about 50 persons.

They were invited to speak and

answer questions from the audience regarding follow-through on their campaign commitments. Unity in the Community, an organization which is a combination of several groups throughout the black community, sponsored the event as a method of providing a response to the community from their elected officials.

The organization featured week-long activities inclusive of a community forum the previous evening. Mayor Jan Jones was the keynote speaker for the event. Friday, January 13, Unity in the Community sponsored a community rally and march which stopped traffic en route to the steps of the County Courthouse.

NEVADA PARTNERS' NEW CENTER TO OPEN JANUARY 23

LAS VEGAS — Economically disadvantaged Las Vegans now have a place to go to escape the streets and get the job training needed to secure employment in Las Vegas.

The \$2.8 million Nevada Partners Center, located at 710 West Lake Mead in North Las Vegas, will celebrate its grand opening on January 23 at 10 a.m. The 20,000-square-foot center will consolidate all of Nevada Partner's job skills training, placement activities, classrooms, computer lab and administrative offices. The center also includes the 7,000-square-foot Sugar Ray Leonard Gym, a state-of-the-art boxing gym, arena and weight room. The gym is scheduled to open in March. Construction of the new Nevada

Partners Center was 100 percent funded by billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian's Lincy Foundation.

"Employment can be a key factor in reducing problems in society such as gang violence and teen pregnancy and other social ills that burden the taxpayers of our country," said Mujahid Ramadan, executive director of Nevada Partners. "We have placed 2,000 people in jobs locally through our job training programs with a 63 percent retention rate for those who have been hired."

Nevada Partners offers a comprehensive life skills training and job placement program targeting the at-risk and economically disadvantaged in southern Nevada. The organization was formed in 1992 by the assistance

of Gov. Bob Miller following civil unrest in Las Vegas in the wake of the first Rodney King trial. The organization received its financial start from a \$1 million donation from the Lincy Foundation. Lincy's support assures Nevada Partners' programs are no cost to Nevada taxpayers.

Working with business, industry and government, the organization helps identify and secure job opportunities for its clients. More than 85 businesses including hotels, casinos, banks and utility companies consistently provide employment opportunities for Nevada Partners graduates.

Nevada Partners offers a series of workshops to teach its clients about the (See Nevada Partners, Page 12)

MALCOLM X DAUGHTER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

ST. PAUL, Minn (Reuter) - Malcolm X's daughter, who as a child saw her father assassinated in a hail of bullets, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to trying to hire someone to kill his rival, Islamic leader Louis Farrakhan.

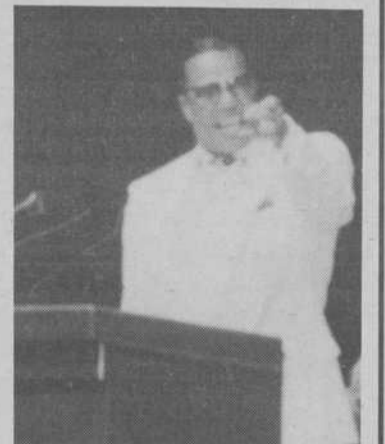
She was ordered to stand trial March 22.

In a five-minute appearance before U.S. Magistrate Franklin Noel, Qubilah Shabazz sat silently at a defense table, saying only "not guilty" when the judge asked her how she pleaded.

No actual attempt was ever made on Farrakhan's life.

Famed civil rights lawyer William Kunstler, standing with her, told the court he might file for an extension of some of the pre-trial dates set forth by the court, saying he may need more time for investigation.

He later told reporters "we've formed a legal team. There is no lead



Farrakhan says the incident is a government plot to destroy black unity.

counsellor, no stars — all for her benefit." He said he and three or four other lawyers, in addition to her court-appointed attorney, were taking on the case free of charge.

One of the lawyers, Percy Sutton, who said he previously represented (See SHABAZZ, Page 12)