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**DALLAS ELECTS FIRST BLACK MAYOR**

DALLAS - Black lawyer Ron Kirk Saturday was set to be declared the first minority mayor of a major Texas city when he won 60 percent of the total vote with 48 percent of the precincts counted, according to unofficial results. The two other leading candidates, Darrell Jordan and Domingo Garcia, conceded the contest to Kirk. Under Texas law, a winner must get at least 50 percent of the vote cast. "Not in my wildest dreams did I believe we were going to get this concluded tonight," said Kirk, a one-time aide to former Sen. Everett Dirksen and secretary of state under former Gov. Ann Richards. The historic outcome of the election was secondary to doing well as mayor, said Kirk.

**ZAIRE BATTLES VIRAL EPIDEMIC**

Doctors in Zaire are fighting a deadly outbreak of hemorrhagic fever that may be caused by a resurgence of the rare and notorious Ebola virus. Twin epidemics of dysentery and hemorrhagic fever have struck Kikwit, a town of half a million people in the central African nation. The government reports at least 90 deaths and says the city has been placed under quarantine. The Ebola virus, for which there's no known cure, was the subject of the recent best-seller "The Hot Zone."

**Sixteen Prominent African Americans Honored As Sentinel-Voice Celebrates 16th Anniversary**

By Victor S. Ingram  
 With its burgeoning economy and incredible career opportunities, Las Vegas has become a golden Mecca for industry. Gaming reports of double-digit growth have become the norm. Three  
**National Community Development Week '95**



Las Vegas Weed & Seed Program Manager Franklin Simpson (R) is joined by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs during National Community Development Week '95 event held recently in Las Vegas. The event was held locally to discuss community planning and development.

Major resorts announced \$300 million projects in recent weeks. This after hotel super properties, MGM, Luxor, and Treasure Island opened consecutively less than 3 years ago. Other industries have also found Las Vegas as a lucrative place for relocation. How does the economic and cultural climate look for African-Americans who wish to actively pursue opportunities within the city?

Upon its 16 year anniversary, the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice will reflect upon the cultural and economic advancements of 16 prominent and not-so-prominent individuals. The "Sentinel 16" will incorporate 16 of the most pragmatic African American individuals the city has to offer.

These individuals have made inroads in areas of gaming, business, education, and community service. They are to be recognized in their chosen professions and in their commitment to be role models for African American achievement.

Each applicant was rated for their professional accomplishments, community service, and cultural commitment. Applicants were required



to submit resumes and answer the philosophical question: what commitment do successful blacks have in helping less fortunate blacks?

As the city's primary "voice" to the black community, the Sentinel-Voice goes into its second decade of giving the African American public what it so desperately demands-positive news about its community.

The Sentinel-Voice will continue the tradition of providing succinct, factually based, ethnically-targeted news to the community. The newspaper thanks its many readers and supporters in the community for their loyal following and tireless support for black press.

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**Shabazz, Farrakhan Meet At Fund-Raiser**

NEW YORK - Betty Shabazz, the widow of onetime Black Muslim militant Malcolm X, met late Saturday for the first time in 30 years with Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, whom she has claimed was involved in her husband's assassination.

The brief handshake took place on the stage of Harlem's Apollo Theater at a benefit to pay legal fees for Qubilah Shabazz, Malcolm's daughter, after Shabazz spoke and before Farrakhan's speech.

Federal charges of murder for hire were dropped last week against Qubilah Shabazz, who was accused of trying to hire someone to kill Farrakhan to avenge her father's death.

She was four years old and in the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem when her father was shot to death in 1965. Three

members of the Nation of Islam were convicted for killing him.

Betty Shabazz thanked Farrakhan "for his original, gentle words of assurance, for my daughter and for myself and for his suggestion of support."

Farrakhan criticized the government for charging Malcolm's daughter and using it as an opportunity to divide the black community. He denied any involvement in Malcolm's killing.

"On this day of atonement, we are asking the government to acknowledge their sins against the people. This wound over the assassination cannot be healed except by the knowledge of truth," by opening the files on Malcolm's killing.

He said the government's indictment "was supposed to lure me into a fight with Betty Shabazz. Let us open the

(government) files; they know that Farrakhan had nothing to do with the murder."

It was announced that the event raised \$250,000 for legal expenses for Qubilah Shabazz, 34. On Monday, as her trial, was about to begin, the government agreed to drop murder-for-hire charges against her in exchange for two years of probation and counseling. Conrad Muhammad, minister of the Number Seven Mosque in New York, described the meeting as "like a family coming together after 30 years. It's absolutely marvelous."

The joint public appearance of Shabazz and Farrakhan drew thousands of people to the theater. They paid between \$15 and \$100 a ticket to witness what many in the black  
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**Patrina McDonald Set To Compete In Mrs. United States Nevada Pageant**

Throughout the past decade, African-American women from Vanessa Williams to Kimberly Aiken have gracefully presented class and elegance upon the stages of beauty pageants. Patrina McDonald will attempt to follow in their victorious footsteps as she competes for the Mrs. United States Nevada crown on Tuesday, May 16 at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo at 7:00 p.m.

McDonald, 26, is a native of Las Vegas, and a graduate of Southern Nevada Vocational Center. She has earned dual associate degrees in computer and general studies from Clark County Community College. In addition, she is a licensed cosmetologist and an aspiring singer, dancer, and model.

Although this event will mark her first pageant appearance, McDonald guided her daughter to the 1993



**PATRINA McDONALD**  
 Baby Miss America title.

"I will respectfully represent myself, my family, and my culture in the pageant," said McDonald. "My main goal is to show people that I am pursuing my dreams."

McDonald credits her mother with  
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