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## NATIONAL NEWS

### TODDLER SURVIVES CRACK OVERDOSE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - A two-year-old girl swallowed a stone of crack cocaine, but was recovering from the overdose in hospital, police said last Saturday. The Texarkana toddler was no longer in critical condition and moved out of an intensive care unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital, where she was airlifted Tuesday after police found her suffering seizures. Detectives were investigating how she obtained the drug. "We're surmising the child found a rock of crack cocaine and swallowed it," Texarkana police Lt. Jackie Runion said.

The girl's mother left her in the care of a relative while she went to a hair salon, he said. No one has been arrested.

### COMPUTER GAME SPURS SUIT

PHOENIX - The parents of an 11-year-old black student has sued his school district for using a computer game in class called "Freedom!" in which players take on the role of enslaved Southern blacks trying to escape. Players start off as illiterate and are referred to as "boy" as they try to gain the educational skills necessary to head to the North, according to a federal lawsuit filed by George A. Vinson and his wife Sonja. The August 17 lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from the district and Minnesota Educational Computing Corp., the software company that sold the game. "Freedom!" was deleted from school district computers last year after complaints from Vinson and other parents. The software company pulled it off the market in 1993 and said it instructed school districts to destroy copies they had.

### JACKSON NEPHEWS FILE SUIT OVER MOTHER'S DEATH

LOS ANGELES - Three nephews of pop superstar Michael Jackson filed a wrongful death lawsuit last Friday against their late mother's boyfriend, saying he drowned her in a backyard swimming pool. Dolores Jackson was found dead a year ago in the swimming pool at the Los Angeles home of her boyfriend, Donald Bohana. The lawsuit alleges that Bohana beat and strangled Dolores Jackson, the ex-wife of Michael Jackson's brother, Tito. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles by attorney Brian Oxman two days before the statute of limitations on such a case ran out. Dolores Jackson died last Aug. 27. In their lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages for assault and battery in addition to wrongful death, the children say Bohana drowned their mother after a long argument over his bankruptcy.

# Vons Opens First Supermarket in West Las Vegas in nearly 30 years

By Victor S. Ingram

The first super market in the West Las Vegas area in nearly 30 years opened on Wednesday, August 30. Vons Supermarket is the city's partnership with a Vons Grocery chain and NBA superstar legend Earving Magic Johnson's development group in an effort to rebuild West Las Vegas after the 1992 riot aftermath of the acquittal of 3 L.A. police officers accused of beating motorist Rodney King. The store, located at 1061 Owens Avenue, is equipped with several specialty food-service departments in addition to a full service Bank of America branch. Business and development were essential to the rebuilding of the community, speculated a 1992 city empowerment committee. Three years later hundreds of smiling customers poured into the modern, spacious, clean grocery store; non remotely concerned with the rubble which once occupied the lot.

"I think its great," says shopper Virginia Everett. Everett, who normally spends \$250 per month on groceries, looks to the store for its modern accommodations and convenience. "I

hope that the people in the neighborhood really appreciate it." "I hope that they take care of it." Her concern, however, is the lack of a selection of black hair care products. Prices, however, are competitive, according to Everett who considers herself a wise shopper. She collects an assortment of coupons and comparative shops. With 16 isles and 8 checkstands, a full service deli and bakery, the store is a welcomed addition to the community, she adds. Senior citizens will also be huge benefactors, she says, because of the store's close proximity.

21-year-old Tameka Miller appreciates the store. As a checker, (See VONS, Page 10)



Magic Johnson is expected to appear at new VONS' grand opening celebration this Friday, October 1, 1995  
Photo by Victor Ingram

## Local NAACP Celebrates Opening of New Home

Nichole Davis

The Las Vegas Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. inaugurated their new location at 600 W. Owens Saturday.

Festivities began with a \$2500 donation from Equistar Mortgage Company, 3233 W. Charleston. Equistar, now a Lifetime Corporate Member, also had an information booth

set up.

The opening also featured live entertainment, guided tours, bar-be-cue and local officials.

Gov. Bob Miller, County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson-Gates and Judge Lee Gates were in attendance, while Senators Richard Bryan and Harry Reid, Mayor Jan Jones and Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Pappa sent representatives.

The branch will be leasing the new space for about \$500 a month from Operation Life. The rent was a great bargain, but it definitely came at a price.

"We came in and enhanced the building. We put in a lot of equity," said Branch President James Rogers.

Equity, indeed. Workers re-roofed the building, which had been empty for five years, mowed the lawn, clipped the bushes, painted the walls and put in new carpeting.

All labor and materials were donated by the community. Private citizens donated time and supplies. Mirage Resorts donated the carpet. The Housing Authority donated part of the paint. Evan Bow Construction, Five Star

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## State's Number One G-Man Outreaches to Community

By Victor S. Ingram

Bobby Siller has been in Las Vegas for slightly more than three weeks, yet already he has made an outreach to the African American community. Upon his first Sunday in the city, he asked U.S. Marshall Herbert Brown to escort him to various churches within the black community so he could officially announce his new appointment to special agent-in-charge of the Nevada division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As the state's number one G-Man, Siller will oversee a staff of nearly 200 agents and administrative personnel in Las Vegas, Elko, Carson City, and Reno. His responsibility will also include millions in budgetary funds.

Siller, 50, is no stranger to enormous responsibility as a 22-year veteran of the organization. He has had duty assignments throughout the United States, securing a prestigious appointment to direct the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia. An airforce



BOBBY SILLER

veteran, Siller served 4 years in airforce intelligence. After a brief stint in the corporate world, Siller decided shortly after a conversation with a group of black FBI agents that it was time for a career change. A career move which he is quite thankful for. "I feel good to know that I'm protecting society and

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## Housing Authority Sets \$500,000 Aside For Discrimination Claims

By Victor S. Ingram

An eleven step process for past and present residents of the Las Vegas Housing Authority to recoup damages from years of discriminatory practices was announced at a press conference on Wednesday, August 30. The conference, held at the Housing Authority Executive offices, is an effort by the local agency to appease federal program auditors at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For years HUD officials have criticized blatant discrimination from past housing authority administration. Policies which placed African Americans on extended waiting lists for housing properties when properties were available in other locations throughout the city. Black residents were, as a matter of informal policy, placed in properties located in West Las Vegas and other areas which were predominantly occupied by blacks. HUD, dissatisfied with the Housing Authority's response to the matter, instituted a Voluntary Compliance Agreement for the agency. The agreement would allow those damaged by the policy to collect from a \$500,000 pool. Claims for those who wish to recoup damages for periods of 1986 through present will only be

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