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 perpetrating crimes at astounding levels also concerns him. Crime statistics back up Siller's concern about black-on-black crime's devastating affect on the community. "We've been able to do something that no one else has been able to successfully do—that is to destroy ourselves." From an alarming drug counter-culture which exists in black communities nationwide to gang-related violence, Siller

NAACP

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 Plumbing and Fred's Tile are just a few of the local businesses who contributed labor to the effort.

The building opened on time, complete with a front meeting area, an art gallery/training room, a board room/training room, an office for the president and three as yet unallocated offices.

The branch has two immediate goals for the new space. They would like to set up a computer center complete with Internet access, and they want to do job training for ex-felons. The training is likely to begin first, as the branch is still soliciting computers and software. The proposed site for the computer center is in the art gallery.

The gallery currently features the work of local artist, Linda Crawford, a recent transplant from Chicago. Crawford's work was most recently on display at the West Las Vegas Arts Center.

This showing will be on display indefinitely and includes a previously unseen portrait of Oprah Winfrey and her steady called "Oprah and Friend."

All works are available for sale. Prints are also available.

SENIORS UPDATE DRIVING SKILLS

Pre-registration is required for people 55 and older to attend "55 Alive" AARP's two-day refresher driving course at the Las Vegas Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza Rd.

The course is offered twice monthly. Daytime sessions and evening sessions available, call for dates and times. The course is designed for drivers who experience age-related physical changes, such as declining perceptual skills. Highlights include "rules of the road" review, local driving hazards, and accident-prevention measures.

All automobile insurance companies in Nevada provide premium reductions to graduates of "55 Alive." Payment will not be accepted at the door. The cost is \$8 and pre-registration must be made by calling 792-4091. Classes are limited to 30 people. For registration information, call 792-4091.

says the self-destructive nature of blacks is something he faces everyday.

When he was based in Ohio, Siller investigated a Bonnie and Clyde-style pair of black murders who went on a killing spree in which 6 people were ruthlessly killed. Once foreign to the psychological profiles of mass murders, it was alarming for Siller to see blacks make inroads into the enclaves of mass murderers. The couple would befriend ministers within various communities then rob, rape, and

mutilate their victims. Women and children made up the majority of their victims.

Change begins with a positive force in the mind of youths, says Siller, whose father and mother pushed and motivated him to achieve. "The thing that amazes me," he says, "especially with our youth, if they could just see the harm that they are doing." "If they could just see the pain that they are causing. In reality the victim is more than the person who was hurt; but society, in the loss of that person."

HOUSING

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 accepted.

"We've reconstructed the application process," says Linda Ramirez, compliance division director, regarding remedies which have been instituted to prevent further infractions. Ramirez says the process has now been altered to prevent racial preferences or placement.

Housing units are issued on a first-come-first-serve basis. An agency with 2000 names on their waiting list, the LVHA's already tightly strapped budget is scheduled to take yet another hit with the \$500,000 allotment reserved for claims against the agency. Housing authority director Frederick Brown says the funds will come from a mandatory reserve fund, which is designed for such

unforseeable occurrences. The agency will not feel any undo heartship as a result of forthcoming suits, according to Brown.

There is no way of knowing, adds Voluntary Compliance Agreement representative, Vincent Ochoa, exactly what individual settlement amounts will be or the entire amount of the \$500,000 set-aside which will be awarded. "Maybe all of the amount will be given out if there are enough claims," says Ochoa. Residents and past residents will be required to establish how many months they were on the waiting list and not placed as a result of racial preferences. The damage will then be calculated to determine how much rent they paid during this period in contrast with how much they would have paid if placed in public housing.

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