

# NEWS CLIPS

## COUNTY SETTLES SUIT FROM FORMER FIREFIGHTER

Clark County recently settled a racial discrimination suit for \$140,520. Back pay, attorney's fees, taxes and related benefits are included. In exchange, Jesse Scott, a former firefighter, agreed to drop a discrimination complaint filed with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission in 1991. The district attorney's office had recommended the settlement to "avoid substantial expense associated with proceeding any further and the risk of an adverse finding." Scott filed suit when he was refused light duty after sustaining a work-related injury.

## NEW SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR SHAKES UP ADMINISTRATION

SAN FRANCISCO-Willie Brown, the first black mayor of San Francisco, was sworn in Monday. During his inaugural address, Brown announced several appointments and pledged to bring a World AIDS conference to the city, to push a \$150 million bond issue for new housing and to spend \$2 million on a new youth center for the nation's 13th-largest city. Brown also supported efforts to build a new baseball stadium for San Francisco at no cost to taxpayers. Differences "must be blurred and we must unite," said the former speaker of the California state Assembly.

## WIFE OF SOUL SINGER JAMES BROWN DIES

LOS ANGELES-Adrienne Brown, wife of soul singer James Brown, died Saturday, two days after undergoing cosmetic surgery. She was 47. Adrienne Brown was pronounced dead at 12:23 p.m. at the Century City Hospital. She had been recovering from her surgery at a Beverly Hills health care facility. An autopsy was planned, though there were no indications of foul play or surgical complications, said the Los Angeles County Coroner.

## HAITI REQUESTS UNITED NATIONS TO KEEP PEACE-KEEPING FORCES AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS

HAITI-Haitian President-elect Rene Preval asked the United Nations to maintain a military peace-keeping force in the island country until August. The troops were scheduled to leave Feb. 29. Radio Metropole reported Saturday that Preval requested the extension during troops in a Friday meeting to prevent a resurgence of violence and crime. The United Nations has maintained a force in the area since March. A U.S.-led ruling army was disbanded in the fall 1994, and deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was restored.

## UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND RAISES \$12.6 MILLION

HOLLYWOOD-The United Negro College Fund raised an estimated \$12.6 million Sunday during their 16th annual telethon. Singer Lou Rawls, *Jeopardy* host Alex Trebek and actress Sheryl Lee Ralph co-hosted the seven-hour program from Hollywood. Singer Johnny Gill co-hosted from New York City. Performers included singers Ray Charles, Jon Secada and Brandy. Rawls started the telethon 16 years ago to help raise money for minority students attending historically black colleges.

## N.Y. MILLION MAN MARCH ORGANIZER FOUND DEAD

NEW YORK-Robbery is the suspected motive in the stabbing death of William Beason, 62. Beason had organized a local contingent for the Million Man March.

## ENERGY SECRETARY HAZEL O'LEARY UNDER FIRE

WASHINGTON - House Speaker Newt Gingrich and 77 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have called for the resignation of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary following a recent audit by the General Accounting Office (GAO). According to a GAO report, O'Leary has no receipts for nearly \$255,000 worth of expenses incurred during trade-promotion trips to India and South Africa. O'Leary has an explanation for nearly half of the amount and will be able to explain the rest when the State Department re-opens, a USA Today report said. Energy Department officials estimate O'Leary's foreign trade trips have cost \$4 million and resulted in over \$4 billion of new investments. Though President Clinton has reportedly chastised her privately for sloppy bookkeeping, O'Leary said she will not step down.

## JORDAN TRIALS START IN NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Daniel Andre Greene, 21, went on trial Jan. 3 for the murder of James Jordan, the father of basketball superstar Michael Jordan. James Jordan, 56, was shot to death in July 1993 while parked on the side of a North Carolina road. Ironically, he had pulled over to rest during a return trip from a friend's funeral. The jury will not see a videotape, which showed Greene dancing and rapping while wearing two National Basketball Association rings Michael Jordan had given to his father, during the trial. Another suspect, Larry Demery, 20, has already pled guilty and awaits sentencing. Demery has turned state's evidence and will testify that Greene was the trigger-man. Michael Jordan will not testify at the trial, which is expected to take four weeks.

# West Las Vegas Library Presents "The Dreamer" Sunday

By Nichole Davis

Oscar Robinson will direct the third annual performance of "The Dreamer" at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre Sunday, Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m., and tickets cost \$5.

Robinson calls "The Dreamer" a "one-act variety show" which melds dance, music and drama into a 50-minute presentation exploring both the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and important landmarks of the civil rights movement.

The show "illustrates the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement with a unique blend of realism, music, drama and humor which creates a well balanced production," Robinson says. "It takes you on an an

emotional roller coaster that uplifts the human spirit and soothes as it cleanses the soul."

The show opens with a musical rendition of Stevie Wonder's classic "Happy Birthday to You," a dramatization of Rosa Parks' fateful bus ride and segments from two King speeches. "This is a very up-tempo show," Robinson says. "There is a catharsis in the middle of the show with the death of Dr. King, but we bring you out of that leaving the audience as happy as they were when they came in."

Audiences are also treated to performances of Mahalia Jackson's "The Trouble of the World" as sung by Cassetta Wesley, a newcomer to the cast, and James Brown's "Say It Loud"

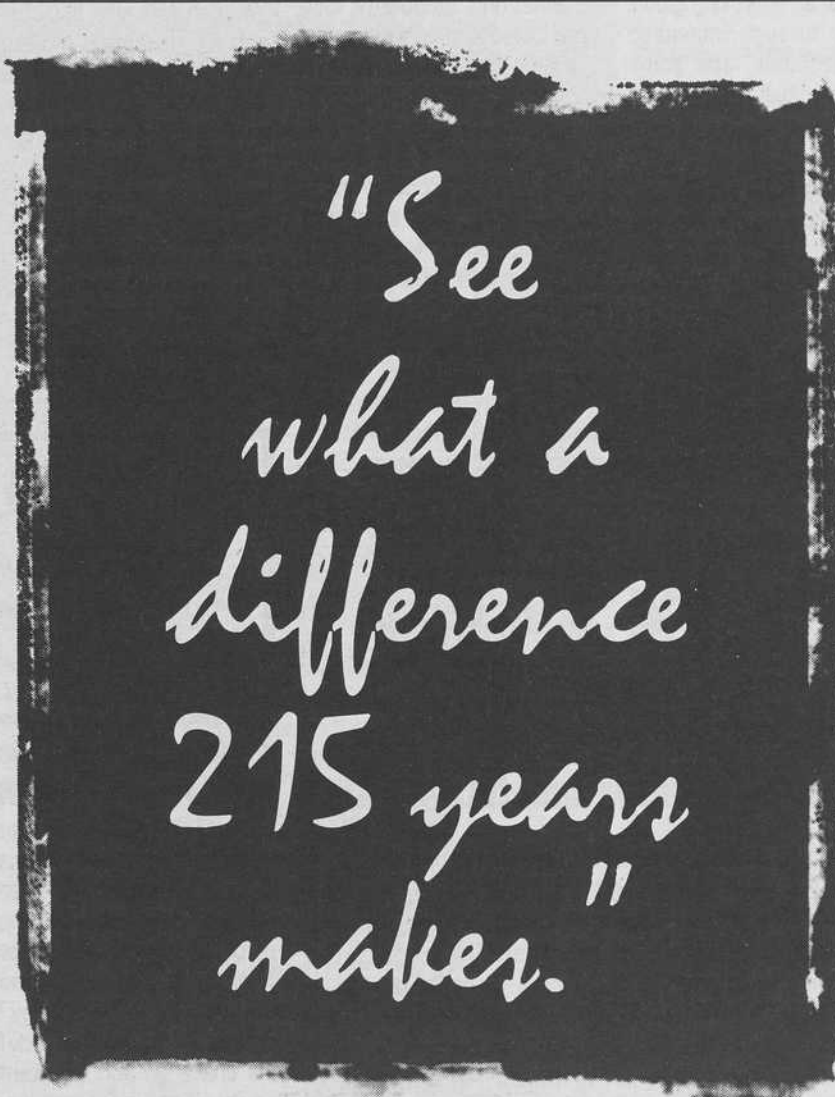
as sung by the cast.

This year's cast for "The Dreamer" also includes Earl G. Harrison as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and DeEvra Patrice Knight as Rosa Parks/Coretta Scott King.

"The Dreamer" will also be presented at the Lorna J. Kesterson Valley View

Recreation Center in Henderson on Feb. 23 and 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$4 for seniors and children under 10, \$5 for adults, if purchased in advance, and \$7 at the door. Tickets will be available Feb. 1.

"The Dreamer" is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the West Las Vegas Library.



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