

# Snoop Doggy Dogg Acquitted

LOS ANGELES — Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder Tuesday in the shooting death of an alleged gang member.

Snoop, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, and McKinley Lee, 25, also were acquitted of conspiracy to commit assault in the Aug. 25, 1993, shooting death of Ethiopian, Philip Woldemariam.

The 24-year-old rapper stared straight ahead as a Superior Court clerk read the verdicts. The panel deadlocked on a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter against both men and an accessory-after-the-fact charge against Broadus. The judge ordered jurors to resume

deliberations on those counts, which they remained deadlocked. The judge declared a mistrial on those counts Wednesday.

Prosecutors attempted to prove that the two tracked Woldemariam down and shot him in cold blood at a city park after Woldemariam flashed a gang sign and shouted an obscenity in an earlier confrontation outside Broadus' apartment.

Defense lawyers claimed the shooting was an act of self-defense, saying Woldemariam was going for a gun in the waistband of his pants when Lee fired at him from a Jeep driven by Broadus.

Prosecutor Robert Grace

disputed the self-defense claim, arguing in closing statements that Woldemariam, 20, was shot in the back and buttocks as he tried to flee Broadus and Lee.

Playing off the lyrics of one of the rapper's songs — "Murder Was the Case" — Grace told the jury: "Murder is the crime they committed. Murder is the crime they committed. Murder is the crime they committed."

Shortly before the verdicts were read, jurors were told they would not be visiting the park where Woldemariam was shot. The jury had asked on Friday to tour Woodbine Park, but the judge said such a trip could mislead the jury because the park has been remodeled since the incident occurred.

# Galleria Mall Opens Wednesday

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Henderson's long-awaited Galleria Mall is scheduled to open Wednesday.

The \$200 million mall, the largest in the state, is located at 1300 W. Sunset Road, at the corner of Sunset and Stephanie.

"We've been a long time in coming to be because of the difficulty in obtaining financing. We had a Gulf War, a S-and-L banking crisis and a recession, which held up our funding for construction for a long time," said Ranch Property Development partner Steve Kollins.



Workers recently apply finishing touches in the new Galleria's Food Court to open next week. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

"Once funding was secured we were moving at breakneck speed to get in as quickly as we can."

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The newly formed Howard University Club of Las Vegas is holding its second organizational meeting Sunday at 2 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library.

President Lisa Russell, a 1989 graduate of the Washington, D.C. school, and Bertral Washington, a 1993 graduate and co-chairman of the steering committee, organized the group's first meeting Feb. 4 at Cafe Salaam.

At that meeting, members of the group approved the club's

constitution and by-laws which will be presented to the Director of Alumni Affairs who must approve and grant the group a charter.

"Howard University as a prominent African-American university is not properly represented in the Las Vegas area which is now considered a booming metropolitan city," said Russell, who is now a UNLV graduate student studying marriage and family counseling.

"Howard graduates have gone on to win Nobel Peace Prizes, one was a Supreme Court judge, others are mayors, congressmen and still others around the country are taking the lead in uplifting their various communities' spirit," she said.

In Las Vegas, Russell said the group plans to focus its service activities on providing additional AIDS and HIV education to the black community, tutorial programs to offset cutbacks in remedial education and fundraisers to assist students striving for college educations.

"And we are hoping to work in close association with existing black organizations already established here in Southern Nevada," she said.

And yes, the group has plans for its social calendar as well.

"We're planning a family outing to Disneyland, we've got jazz brunches and mixers on the schedule and other activities that we hope will appeal to the mature

adults in our community," she said.

Among those in attendance at the first meeting include: Richard Blue, Martina Callum, Cedric and Keiba Crear, Dr. Gregory Edwards, Dr. Broderick Franklin, Oscar Sims, Yvonne Smith, Keisha Vaz, Bertral Washington, Alonzo Wright and Samuel Wright.

Other prominent Howard alumni who reside here include: Dr. James Tate, lawyers James Porter and Dave Phillips, city planner Michael Chambliss, retired businessman Edgar Davis, his wife and state welfare reform committee member Fern Davis and Review-Journal writer Alonza Robertson.

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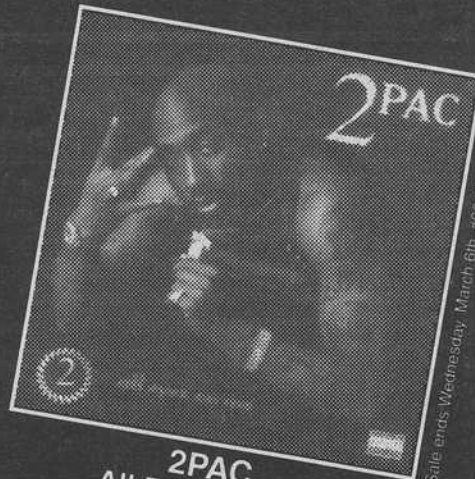
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