

NEWS CLIPS

ARRESTS MAY LEAD TO DRUG HOUSE SEIZURES

The recent arrest of property owner Elmer Cotton may lead to the police-seizure of eight other Westside duplexes and houses that authorities contend are narcotics supermarkets. Cotton, 62, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with eight counts of managing a building for unlawful distribution. Also arrested on the same charges was John Jones, 46. Las Vegas police and FBI agents working together under the auspices of the federal Weed and Seed program. The buildings at the following addresses have been criminally indicted for future forfeiture action: 609 Monroe, 709 Madison, 713 Madison, 717 Madison, 1323 C St., 512 Jackson, 709 Jefferson and 713 Adams.

MOTORISTS IGNORING TRAFFIC MORATORIUM

Las Vegas Municipal Court officials are puzzled why only 78 offenders have so far taken advantage of the holiday traffic ticket moratorium from Nov. 18-22; the moratorium is in effect until Dec. 27. During the first two weeks of last year's moratorium, more than 1,000 traffic violators came to court to resolve delinquent cases. Several thousand traffic warrants are outstanding and as of last week, only 45 cases were closed with reduced fines totaling \$12,895 - an average of \$286.56. Motorists with LVMC traffic warrants must first come to the court's front counter to schedule a court appearance and be prepared to pay \$50 for a first warrant; \$100 for a second warrant and \$150 for a third warrant. To qualify, a traffic case cannot have been in warrant more than three times; it cannot have a mandatory appearance order, nor can a mandatory walk-in court date be missed. In-house arrest requirements must have been completed and a case cannot have a suspended jail sentence conditioned on a fine payment. LVMC is located at the plaza level of City Hall at 400 E. Stewart Ave. For more information call Mary McKinney at 229-2033.

LAWSUIT: UCLA WRONGFULLY DUMPED 18,000 BODIES

When Robert Bennett Jr.'s mother Lorraine died of cancer in 1992, her body was donated to the UCLA Medical School. The school promised to give the 61-year-old a decent burial, but instead Bennett says his mother's remains ended up in the trash. She wasn't the only one, according to lawsuits. As many as 18,000 bodies donated for research were wrongfully cremated with dead lab animals and fetuses and then dumped in trash bins, a lawsuit against the university charges. James G. Terwilliger, vice provost for administration at UCLA apologized for the mistreatment of the bodies. He said UCLA has taken aggressive steps to correct the problems including closing its crematorium. Medical students rely on a supply of cadavers for their training.

NICOLE SIMPSON'S HOUSE SELLS FOR \$595,000

The Brentwood townhouse where Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slain has a buyer. The property went for its \$595,000 asking price to a buyer who plans to make it difficult to recognize, the Los Angeles Times reported this past Sunday. An unnamed Century City lawyer will become the new owner when the deal is final in a few days. Simpson and Goldman were stabbed to death on the front walkway in June 1994. O.J. Simpson was acquitted of the killings and is on trial in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by their families. The site is popular with tourists. The buyer plans to disguise the crime scene by relandscaping and leveling stairs. The address may be changed and a wall may be built. The three-level, 3,400-square-foot townhouse has eight rooms, 3-1/2 baths, a rooftop patio and a two-car garage. Nicole Simpson bought it in January 1994 for \$652,000. It was sold by her estate.

LARGEST BLACK-OWNED BANK LEADS CONSORTIUM

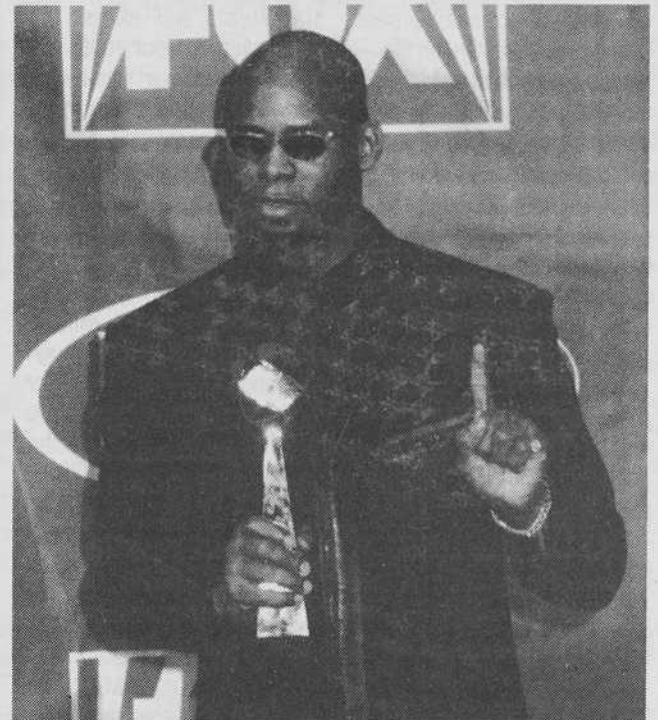
Seaway National Bank of Chicago, the largest and leading black-owned bank in the United States with average assets of \$253.7 million, fortified its position by being appointed to lead a consortium of 75 minority- and women-owned financial institutions, reports the Jackson Advocate. The consortium will pool their resources to extend credit commitments of over \$245 million to seven of the nation's leading corporations. Through this arrangement, Seaway, the other partner banks and the companies are able to realize their mutual goal of boosting the economic growth of the communities each serves. Participating corporations are: Colgate Palmolive, General Electric Company, McDonald's Corp., Philip Morris Co., DuPont, Sara Lee Corp. and Sears Roebuck & Co.

MAJOR ACTION NEEDED IN ZAIRE

Without a mandate to disarm the militias, the multinational operation being set up to intervene in the conflict in Zaire, risks bringing only temporary assistance to the refugees and displaced persons, said aid groups. Humanitarian groups informed the media that while they are relieved over the international intervention to the aid of civilians trapped by the fighting in Zaire, disarming the extremists is imperative. A similar international intervention in Somalia in 1992 turned into a disaster as a result of a division within the multinational force over disarming the various armed groups.

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Recording stars illuminate LV



Clockwise from top right, R. Kelley, Prince protege Carmen Electra, Keith Sweat and Marian Carey and Brandy.

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