

Advertising exec produces design show

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Jocelyn Nixon thinks every house can be a castle. She is producing her own interior design show to prove it.

"Designing You," at 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Channel 33, is the latest venture for this Las Vegas native.

The show was created to help homeowners who have a yen for designing and decorating. The show, which debuted Aug. 10, is broadcast from various model homes in the community as well as professionally designed private homes.

As a child, Nixon thought about a career in advertising. It wasn't until she turned 18 that she knew she wanted to go into business for herself.

"I didn't want to work for others, I wanted to do something on my own and be successful at it," she said. "I liked the idea of entrepreneurship."

Thus, two years ago she started her own advertising agency, Magic Eye Marketing and Productions.

She earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and got first-hand experience in



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Executive producer Jocelyn Nixon (at right) consels Susie Goldstein Wednesday about a show.

multimedia marketing while working for a 900-number business.

Later, while working at KVBC-TV Channel 3, she was bitten by the television bug, decided that TV was the wave of the future and that now was a great opportunity to get into the business.

Designed for home-decorating buffs, the show exposes viewers to various design ideas. They can purchase designer items and accessories during the half-hour program through tele-shopping segments.

Lori Starbuck hosts the show. She began as a disc

jockey, specializing in broadcast journalism. Hosting the show is a dream come true, she said.

Nixon plans to produce her show, and possibly others, for a long time. But she said her ultimate goal is, "to produce a top notch children's show focused on elementary kids."

Rawlinson

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In 1974, she received a psychology degree, graduating Summa Cum Laude from North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro. Five years later, she earned a law degree from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. She finished in the top 10 percent of her class.

She was admitted to the California Bar in 1979 and the Nevada Bar a year later.

"Johnnie has both civil and criminal trial experience and has argued before both the state and federal bench," Reid said. "She is highly regarded in the legal community through her work on the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors and the State Bar Board of Bar Examiners. She has also served as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

"But what is equally as impressive is the praise she has received from local law enforcement officials for her dedication to protecting and serving the citizens of Clark County."

"Johnnie's deep rooted compassion, her dedication to truth and her strong work ethic are evident from the moment you meet her," Reid said. "These same qualities will serve her well on the bench and throughout the somewhat daunting confirmation process."

Presently, there are 43 judicial nominations before the Senate Judiciary Committee, some of whom have been held in limbo since 1995. The 105th Congress has confirmed only nine judges.

"She understands what lies ahead and she is ready to start the process," Reid said. "I am confident she will meet the challenge and make history here in Nevada."

Rawlinson thanked everyone who supported her throughout her legal career and promised she will continue to keep an ear to the community.

"My credentials are impressive, so, I don't want anyone to think that I got to this point because of my gender or my ethnicity," she said.

She said that she is happy to be able to inspire women and people of color to strive to attain their professional career goals.

Strohmeyer

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proceedings and violating state laws to get a speedy trial. "The defense perpetually asks for additional time for everything."

Defense attorney Richard Wright requested to push the trial back to accommodate his schedule. Earlier this month, he successfully argued to move the arraignment to Monday because he said he had not received a copy of the grand jury transcripts.

Wright bristled at the accusation. "I am not leapfrogging this case to satisfy the wishes of prosecutors," he said. He threatened to withdraw from the case, citing a 40-plus-client caseload, if a suitable date could not be found. Chairez ruled that Strohmeyer's case took precedence because his is Wright's only in-custody, death penalty case.

Wright questioned whether the prosecution was even ready to go to trial, saying that they have yet to produce tapes which allegedly contain Strohmeyer's confession.

Strohmeyer's California attorney said prosecutors have not given the defense an urgent reason to hasten the trial.

"Hundreds of witnesses have to be interviewed and (there are) many mysteries that (still) need to be solved," Leslie Abramson said. She did not elaborate. "He (Strohmeyer) has a right to make sure his defense

is prepared."

Besides deciding on the trial date, both sides agreed to tentative deadlines for filing motions and agreed to 30-day status checks to measure progress. Strohmeyer must attend each one.

Abramson said the defense plans to file motions to allow Strohmeyer to dress in civilian

clothes and attend the proceedings unshackled so as not to influence potential jurors.

District Attorney Stewart Bell, who is trying the case, said the trial agreement was made with the understanding that the defense will be available and ready to present their case on April 20.

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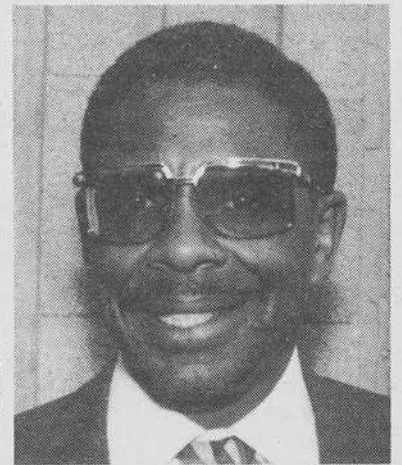
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