to build new pool

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The City of Las Vegas is demolishing the Municipal Pool at 431 E. Bonanza Road, which was built in 1947 and has served the community for a half century.

Construction of the new 40,000 square foot \$5.6 million facility will begin this month and is scheduled to be completed in September of 1998.

Robinson Construction Group was awarded the contract bid to build the facility. This new multi-million dollar aquatics center will be the home to a covered Olympic size pool, bath house workout area and classrooms. All of the amenities will be accessible to the disabled.

The facility will be enclosed with polycarbonate material (shatter proof glass) with retractable side panels to allow open air flow and will be designed for multi-use programming. The 50-meter-by-25-meter pool is designed with multiple depths for all age groups and includes competitive diving apparatus, one 3-meter and two 1-meter boards.

The demolition of the old bath house will make room for a modern 11,020 sq. ft. aquatics complex. When completed, the community will have access to classroom instruction in the latest aquatic techniques and programming. Some of the class topics will include scuba diving, swimming, platform diving, lifeguarding, CPR certification, synchronized and competitive swimming and water polo.

The Municipal Pool will be one of eight public pools run by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks & Leisure Activities. For more information on fees, classes or rentals contact Mary Killion at 229-6310.

(Continued from Page 2) through the cracks had they not been afforded the activities and moral support Thorns

"My kids are completing school, going to college and coming back to donate their time to help others," Thorns said proudly.

For Thorns and his wife April, service to the community has become a way of life.

Each Christmas and Thanksgiving, they feed the

The couple has also created a network of friendships with others who are similarly committed to making a difference. And their five children, who've been Dogcatchers since the first one was old enough to join 14 years ago, keep them involved, Thorns said.

The "Dogcatcher Family", including the Thornses, their friends, current and former Dogcatchers and their relatives, has grown considerably, with



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parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents of the league's team members giving time and financial support.

New to the program is a free summer camp for boys and girls. Last summer's inaugural camp was a success. The Thornses and their friends worked with the kids for free and Phil Thompson, director of Doolittle Center, provided free breakfasts and lunches for all the campers. Materials and labor were also donated.

to continue to expand the services they offer. To fund the money needed, they are asking for the community's support and have organized "The First Annual Dogcatcher's Awards Ceremony," set for Saturday, March 21, at the Jockey Club on Las Vegas Boulevard (across from the Aladdin Hotel).

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with no-host cocktails, followed by dinner and entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Honorees, including business, political and community leaders, will be introduced to the audience in a

The Dogcatchers would like Teen U.S.A. Vicky Franklin will make a special guest

The actual ceremony will be preceded by music from "Envy", an up-and-coming band that has just signed a record label contract. After that, participants can dance through the rest of the evening to the musical stylings of "super jock" Ronnie O.

The cost of admission is \$50 per person or \$500 per table. To reserve seats or for more information, call 399-5809. Proceeds from ticket sales for this event will benefit the Hen Hen Dog Catcher Youth Foundation athletic and academic programs and fashion show format. Miss community service activities.

Sabbatical

(Continued from Page 11) who reached back and helped others and serves as role model for millions of us even now.

About two weeks before the end of my sabbatical I realized that this was the first time since I was 16-year-old that I had been off of work for longer than three weeks.

During the summers in high school and throughout my college education I worked.

I began work a few weeks after graduation and even when I was in graduate school for two masters degrees I worked.

Work is a good thing, but 30 plus years has taken its toll.

I am grateful that I had this opportunity. I know that it is a

blessing that many never have. There are many who began work younger than I and never get a break until they retire or, sadly, until they die.

There are many who have been on the battlefront for justice with no break and who, thus, find themselves broken. Yes, I am grateful.

But now, having had the rest, having had time for reflection and recreation, I am

Ready for the challenges of sharing the stories of pain in a world of injustice and the signs of hope in the midst of what might have been only despair.

Ready for the challenges of speaking truth to power and

ready for the hard work of building a world free of racism and economic injustice.

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