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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## LV Classic set to excite city

By Tasha Pope

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Not that Vegas is already hot enough. This Saturday, the first Las Vegas Football Classic will bring even more heat to the desert.

North Carolina A&T University and Southern University, both Historical Black Colleges and Universities, will square off in the Sam Boyd Stadium.

If you're like most Black college football fans, the bands at times can keep your attention more than the game. Bobbing your head to the latest songs courtesy of the drums and horns is what makes Black college football so special.

The entertainment begins Friday, Sept. 12 with the battle of the bands competition at the Thomas and Mack Center. Their entrance will be known as they march in the side doors with drums pounding. Then facing the crowd, their catchy tunes and rhythmic dancing will be encouragement for fans to jump out of their seats. Once they give a little foretaste of talent, then the battling begins. Although the bands will give you a taste of their best, there's nothing like the game-time performance.

Saturday night the Aggies of NC A&T and the Southern Jaguars will battle to take home the win. Even though they are coming to the entertainment capital of the

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## Nevadan named Miss Black USA

By John T. Stephens III  
Sentinel-Voice

Elizabeth Muto, UNLV graduate and Nevada native, captured the Miss Black USA pageant title, beating out 40 other competitors for the crown last month in Miami.

She is the first Nevada resident to win the crown. The 23-year-old Miss Black USA will embark on a 100-city tour to promote her message and garnish support for her cause.

She is a supporter of "Fight For The Music" which benefits music and arts in public schools.

She is involved in Make-A-Wish Foundation and Candle Lighters and was a public speaker for DARE (Drug and Alcohol Responsibility Education) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving).

Monica Arnold, a graduate of Spelman College and a contractor for Atlantic South-



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east Airlines in Atlanta, was named the runner-up in the pageant, said spokeswoman Yvette Harris.

About 40 women competed in the pageant, which dates back to 1986 and is held by the Miss Black USA Organization, Harris said.

"It was organized chaos...like being in a chicken coop," Muto said.

"Miss Black Nevada, my friend tricked me," she said, explaining how she got involved in the beauty pageants. She and a girlfriend both planned to enter the contest.

"Yeah, I changed my mind," was her friend's excuse for dissing her.

Muto is a strong and impressive young lady who has accomplished much in her short life and is a shining example to others because of her humble and unfortunate beginnings. Nevada's one and only Miss Black USA

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## Noted Muslim leader steps down

Elijah Muhammad's son to focus on productivity

By Rachel Zoll

Special to Sentinel-Voice

CHICAGO (NNPA)—Imam W. Deen Mohammed, the Black Muslim spiritual leader who over three decades transformed how American Blacks practice the religion, has resigned as head of the American Society of Muslims.

Mohammed said he will continue to represent and guide Black Muslims and direct his ministry, The Mosque Cares, but would no longer lead the society, the main organization representing his movement.

"I'm getting ready...to do more, to be more productive and to contribute to the good life of the believers," Mohammed said recently at the start of his keynote speech at the society's annual convention.

Mohammed, who will turn 70 in October, the day before had privately informed his movement's imams, or prayer leaders, that he would step



W. Deen Mohammed (R), who stands with former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali and Brandy McCoy, recently resigned from the American Society of Muslims.

down.

His national representative, Imam Earl Abdulmalik Mohammed, announced the decision before last Sunday's keynote speech.

Some audience members gasped, then applauded and cheered for him. Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, who is Mus-

lim, attended but did not speak.

"I don't know about you, but when I told the imams about my resignation...a big burden went off my back," W. Deen Mohammed joked to the crowd.

He would not comment further on his resignation. (See Imam, Page 4)

## CBC selects right-wing Fox over black networks for big debate

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Many people were surprised that Tuesday night's presidential debate, sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), was aired on a Right-wing network that frequently opposes everything that the organization stands for.

"FOX has their record of being Right-wing and even racist where Blacks are concerned. And so, the contradiction is that they [CBC] would choose FOX to do this. But the other thing is that FOX saw a moment of opportunity themselves to cover their behinds. They can always say, 'Well, we hosted the Congressional Black Caucus,'" says Ronald Walters, a political science professor at the University of Maryland-College Park. "So it's on both sides, as far

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as I'm concerned, a negative."

CBC Chairman Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.) disagrees.

"We have no permanent friends. We have no permanent enemies. We have only permanent interests," Cummings says, quoting former U.S. Rep. William L. Clay (D-Mo.). "Our interest is that we invigorate the African-American vote and that people have an opportunity for the first time during this campaign season to see a live debate and FOX offered to do it."

Two Black-oriented net-

works also wanted to air the debate but were rejected.

"Because we have such an excellent relationship with the CBC, we put forth a strong proposal, in our eyes, and a competitive proposal," says Michael Lewellen, vice president of corporate communications for Black Entertainment Television (BET). "We went on site visits. We put together a budget and we came in tandem with our news partner, CBS. But for reasons, which certainly I would defer to your sources

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