

Iraqis banned from Tenn. Hall

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Iraqis visiting on a civil rights tour were barred from city hall after the city council chairman said it was too dangerous to let them in.

The seven Iraqi civic and community leaders are in the midst of a three-week American tour, sponsored by the State Department to learn more about the process of government.

The trip also includes stops in Washington, Los Angeles and Chicago.

The Iraqis were scheduled to meet with a city council member, but Joe Brown, the council chair, said he feared the group was dangerous.

"We don't know exactly what's going on. Who knows about the delegation, and has

the FBI been informed?" Brown said. "We must secure and protect all the employees in that building."

Elisabeth Silverman, the group's host and head of the Memphis Council for International Visitors, said Brown told her he would "evacuate the building and bring in the bomb squads" if the group entered.

"They are in charge of setting up processes in their country. They have to educate themselves about how it works in this country," Silverman said.

Silverman did not immediately respond to a message Tuesday seeking comment, and it was not clear whether the group had run into trouble elsewhere on their tour.

But the delegates seemed in good spirits Monday, after they were able to meet with Carol Chumney, the city council member, elsewhere. Shahla Waliy, a 31-year-old native of Baghdad, said she was intrigued by the city's civil rights history.

"I heard there was a kind of majority-minority conflict in Memphis, especially in history," she said.

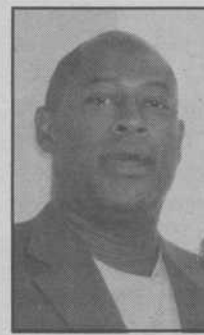
"We have these smaller provinces, and we have majority-minority conflicts in these places."

Parolee

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facility. The parolees will be able to have closer contact with their family members and a portion of the cost to operate the facility will be absorbed through the work of the parolees in constructing and maintaining the facility.

The cost to operate this transitional housing project is estimated to be about \$1 million per year, a reduction in keeping inmates in prison.



"The cost to house inmates in prison each year is \$18,000. We hope that this program will considerably reduce that expense by not having repeat offenders returning to prison at taxpayers expense and offering them an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves."

—Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Ways and Means Committee chair

The project will be managed by a non-profit group, the Nevada Real Property Corp., headed by Nevada Treasurer Brian Krolicki,

Budget Director Perry Comeaux, Crawford and other state officials.

The Molasky Group will build the project.

Olympian Rudolph honored on stamp

Athlete dominated the sprints

By Antonio R. Harvey
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (NNPA) — A commemorative stamp honoring Wilma Rudolph, one of the most dominating sports figures in track and field history, was unveiled for the first time recently at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Wilma Rudolph's family — niece Kimberly Rudolph, grandson D'Juan Rudolph and sister Charlene Rudolph — attended the track great's U.S. Postage Stamp unveiling in Sacramento recently.

A part of the U.S. Postal Service's "Distinguished American" series the stamp was introduced to the media in front of Rudolph's Tennessee State University "Tigerbelles" teammates, and Olympic greats Bob Beamon (long jump and triple jump) and Jackie Joyner Kersee (heptathlon and long jump).

Rudolph, who was a track coach at California State University at Sacramento in the early 1970s, died at the age of 54 in 1994 of brain cancer.

Lucinda Williams, who was on Rudolph's 4x100-meter relay team that won a gold medal in the 1960 Olympic games in Rome, Italy, said the stamp of her friend is something to be cherished.

"What a wonderful, glorious occasion this is," Williams said. "On behalf of the Tigerbelles, coach (Ed) Temple, Charlene and the Rudolph family, we are so grateful and so humbled by this wonder celebration of the Wilma Rudolph stamp. To the U.S. Postal service, thank you and everyone who came to witness this."

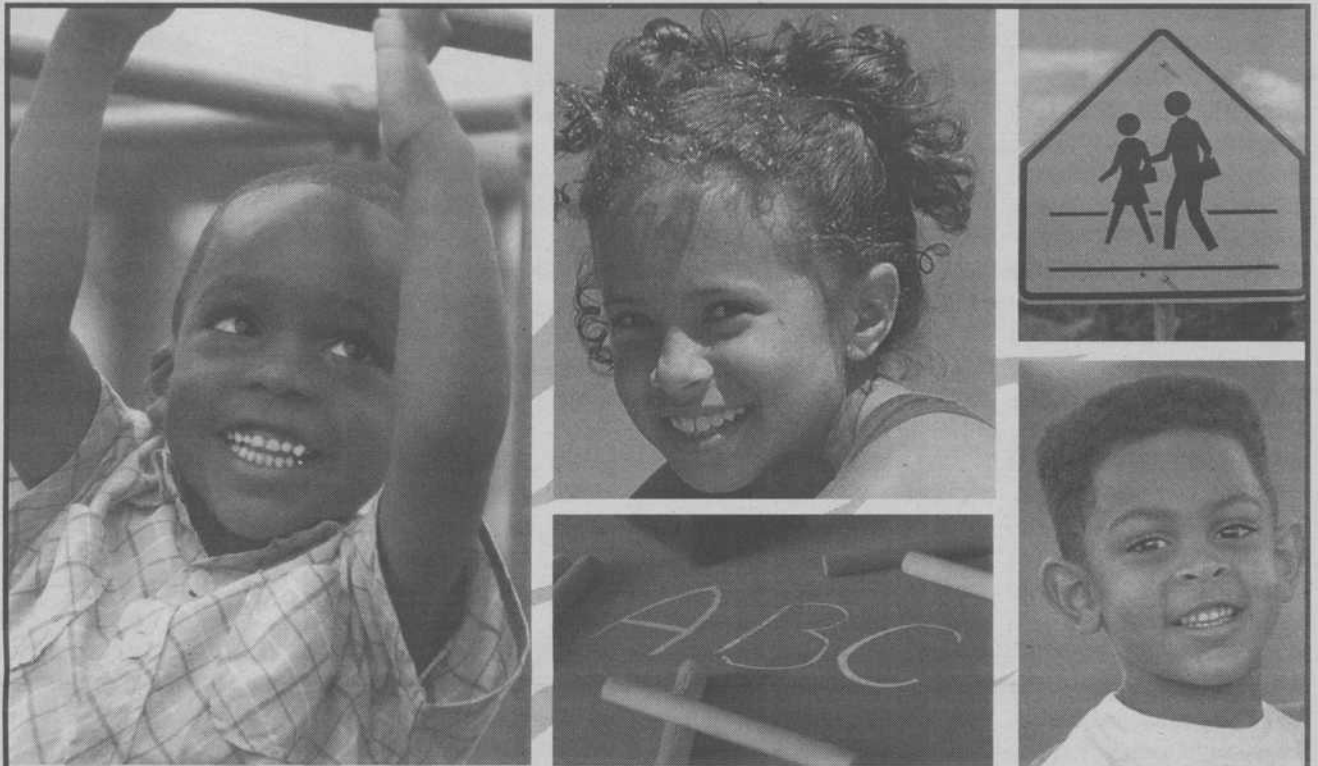
Rudolph, known to her teammates as "Skeeter," was the 20th of 22 children growing up in her hometown of Clarksville, Tenn. At the age of 4, Rudolph contracted scarlet fever and polio, which caused her to wear a leg brace for most of her childhood.

With the love and support of her family, Rudolph overcame her medical obstacles to become a popular basketball player and track star in high school.

At the age of 14, famed coach Ed Temple from Tennessee State University in Nashville placed her in his summer track program. Two years later, Rudolph made the Olympic team that competed in Melbourne, Australia.

Rudolph, Mae Faggs, Isabelle Daniels, and Lucinda Williams came back home with the bronze medal in the 4x100-meter relay.

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A healthy start for a healthy school year!

Children entering the Nevada school system for the first time require appropriate immunizations. Newer requirements include: hepatitis A, hepatitis B and chicken pox vaccination (if they have never had the chicken pox disease).

**Back-to-school immunization extended clinic hours:
Ravenholt Public Health Center • 625 Shadow Lane
Monday, Aug. 16-Friday, Sept. 3 • 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Other clinic locations:
East Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson
Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

An administrative fee of \$15 per patient will be charged. Medicaid and Nevada Check Up are accepted. Please bring your insurance card, along with shot records.

All necessary paperwork is located on the health district's website (www.cchd.org). Bring completed forms to expedite your visit.

For clinic locations, hours and dates, call 383-1351.

