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trauma centers, and you voted for that. You're paying for that through your tax dollars and we want those tax dollars to stay in our community. The community is speaking loud and clear, we want to keep King/Drew's trauma center... and make this a first-class hospital. Are we gonna settle for second best?"

The public hearing, which was supposed to last from 3 to 6 p.m. in the high school's auditorium, stretched into the night as hundreds waited in line to voice their concerns. Some, including former Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, shared personal stories of loved one's who were either saved by physicians at King/Drew, or who literally laid down the hospital's foundation, brick by brick, as Hahn's father, the late supervisor Kenneth Hahn, did after the Watts riots.

Yolanda King, Dr. Martin Luther King's oldest daughter, said the hospital broke ground six days after her father was assassinated. "Closing [the trauma center] would compromise the mission of this hospital and of my father and most importantly, it would cost lives," she said.

Waters was the most con-

frontational of the group, at times verbally attacking the board and Garthwaite for failing to tell the truth to the public.

"First of all, we absolutely oppose closure of this trauma center," Waters said. "We are not just emotional about this. We have examined the reasons given by Mr. Garthwaite. This so-called description of decompression does not compute I really don't want to make you angry, but this isn't possible to [express ourselves] in one minute."

Each speaker at the hearing was supposed to have one minute to testify, but no speaker abided by that rule and the supervisors did nothing to stop them.

Jackson, who brought several residents to tears with his impassioned plea for a compromise, reprised his role as the calm and collected mediator, while Los Angeles City Councilman Martin Ludlow introduced alternatives to closure that were crafted by Dr. Fred Hyde, a consultant hired by the Service Employees International Local 660, which represents nurses at county facilities. Hyde recommended more funding for nurses, and he asked for an on-site management team to oversee the daily operations at King/Drew. He



was against closing the trauma unit.

Two issues that enraged the crowd were the systematic diversion of ambulances from the trauma unit at King/Drew over the last few months, and the supervisors' decision to bring California Hospital Medical Center into the trauma network.

Waters said ambulance diversion was an "experiment" by the county so that when they decided to close trauma at King/Drew, they could easily point to the success they've had in saving lives during the diversion. According to the county, ambulances have been diverted to other hospitals more than 80 percent of the time in the last two months.

Waters also questioned the decision to bring California Hospital into the trauma network. The hospital, which will be the first added to the network in decades, will take patients from King/Drew if its trauma unit is closed.

The board voted to add California Tuesday. California is expected to open its

trauma center on Dec. 1

Waters asked where the money was going to come from to pay for that addition to the trauma network. The congresswoman and others believe the money will come from what would have been spent to fund King/Drew, meaning the board has already decided to close the trauma center.

The county's chief administrative officer, David Janssen, said funding for California will come from Measure B funds. Garthwaite and Burke said the county has been working for years to bring the private facility into the trauma network, regardless of the conditions at King/Drew.

Supervisor Don Knabe, the chairman of the board, said the fate of King/Drew will not be decided at least for another week so that the county can have time to examine public testimony from the hearing and formulate a response. The earliest a decision could be made, Knabe said, would be next Tuesday.

"Why are people scream-

ing like this? They're scared," Jackson said to the board Monday.

"There are car wrecks on the freeway. Most don't have insurance. Their babies are dying. They're scared," Jackson said. "They made AK-47s and uzis legal again. You can't relieve fear with numbers. The hospital was born out of this pain, this fear."

LEGAL NOTICES

LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO. 05-03
SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District is seeking a security guard services firm to provide professionally trained, unarmed, uniformed on-site security guard services on a scheduled basis and for special events as requested.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: 2:00 P.M., Friday, December 3, 2004. The Pre-Proposal Conference will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal Conference is to review and discuss the specification documents for the Request for Proposals.

PROPOSAL OPENING: The Proposal opening will be held 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 29, 2004, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Proposals will be received at the Reception Desk of the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas Nevada 89101, on or before 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 29, 2004. Proposals received at 2:01 P.M. or after will be returned unopened to the Proposer.

Proposers and other interested parties are invited to attend the Proposal opening.

Specification documents for the Request for Proposals will be available on NOON, Monday, November 22, 2004, at the Reception Desk, Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

To request a faxed copy of this Request for Proposals notice, call the Clark County Fax on Demand System at (702) 455-5428 and request document #501.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposals may be directed to Stephen J. Rice, General Services Director, telephone number (702) 507-3740.

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Sports Pace

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— particularly at basketball games where the fans are right where they can do something to harm a player.

Once during a Golden State Warriors game, Pistons star M.L. Carr and one of the Warriors players got into a little fracas near the sideline and a fan came onto the court and hit Carr. Carr, who was being ejected thought it was the player who hit him. But his teammate Bob Lanier, all 6'-11" knew better and went into the stands and asked the man, "Why did you do that?"

Lanier didn't hit the man or even put his hand on him. The security came and escorted the gentleman out of the arena. Carr and Lanier exhibited some self control.

Today's fans are very expressive in many manners when showing their devotion for the various teams but they also have to learn how to control their emotions.

Recently, in a world cup soccer match the fans of one of the competing teams were not allowed to go to Germany to see their team play. The associations directors said this particular group was

too rowdy and would cause trouble so they barred them and would not issue visas for them to go.

People attending golf and tennis tournaments follow rules of etiquette and keep fairly silent while play is going on. Baseball, football, and basketball fans are not supposed to be quiet but all of the rowdiness and vulgarity should be curtailed.

Speaking about your mother, your mate or your children very negatively the way some of the fans do is uncalled for. The fans should have some discipline too and shouldn't come onto the fields or the courts.

Of course, the restriction of alcoholic beverage could help in some cases. Do you remember Latrell Sprewell choked his coach? Well, Artest did what many of today's players might like to do to someone behind the bench calling them names or throwing beers.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of the Henderson Intermodal Transfer Terminal (HITT). The document can be viewed at the RTC or at any of the four Henderson libraries. The project involves the construction of a centrally-located, multi-purpose transportation terminal with transfer facilities serving Citizens Area Transit (CAT) fixed route bus service and potential connections to other transportation modes including bicycles.

The RTC is holding a 30-day public comment period, from November 15 - December 17, to receive feedback on the environmental document.

Those who wish to submit comments on the DEA may do so via fax at 702-676-1713, online at

www.rtcsonthernnevada.com or by mail to:

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