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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Sentinel-Voice photo by Lés Pierres Streater

(L to R) Monique Johnson, Lorenzo Hammond and Armando Lopez own new homes in Westlake Estates.

New complex debuts in NLV

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The Holy Trinity Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization, hosted a housewarming celebration to announce the completion of Phase I of the Westlake Estates, whose spokesperson calls it "the first faith-based homeownership project in North Las Vegas." This development will provide a total of eight, quality, affordable houses for first-time homebuyers.

The project was completed through a successful partnership between the church-based development corporation, the City of North Las Vegas and BankWest of Nevada. The site's 33 acres of land was donated five years ago to the Holy Trinity, an African Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Otto Westlake family to help establish the ministry in the community, along with establishing affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families.

Reverend Cynthia Pitts, realtor and member of the project team designing the new homes, welcomed the audience and acknowledged the support of the many individuals and entities taking part to allow this project to flourish.

She added, "We sold these homes for \$175,000. The houses were appraised at \$210,000. That's a great investment for someone who could not afford a home."

Each of the homeowners received up to a \$155,000 low-income, subsidized loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The low-income designation corresponds to a household with total income equal or less than 80 percent of area median income. For example, using the table for the Las Vegas-Paradise community, the median family income or AMI is \$58,200, so for a 4-person household to qualify for the subsidized loan, they must be at or below \$47,300 — 80 percent of that AMI or lower. For a 5-person household, the requirement would be \$51,100 or less.

The city of North Las Vegas issued a silent \$20,000 second loan on the properties to make sure that both Holy Trinity developers and the new homebuyer adhere to the HUD's AMI guidelines during the affordability period. The affordability period for these homes is ten years.

If a homebuyer sells the home prior to the end of the affordability period, they and the church development

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Group leads health walk

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Strolling through the streets of West Las Vegas on Saturday, enticed by a rhythmic beat and chants of "Come Join the Sisters," members of the local chapter of the Sisters Network hosted its fourth annual fundraising 5K Walk to benefit the organization. The celebratory event also featured the West Preparatory Institute School for Academic Excellence cheerleaders and drum line majors, along with a big red hook and ladder escort provided by the Las Vegas Fire Department.

Sisters Network, Inc., a national African-American breast cancer survivorship organization founded in 1994, has 45 chapters nationwide and over 4,000 members committed to increasing local and national awareness to the devastating impact that breast cancer has within our commu-



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Members of the Las Vegas chapter of Sisters Network lead a 5K community walk to raise awareness of the effects of breast cancer. The event also raised funds for the chapter.

nities. The Las Vegas chapter of Sisters Network, Inc. provides local support to educate women about the ef-

fects of breast cancer and for outreach, advocacy training and resources to combat this disease.

The organization uses the money raised through the 5K fundraiser to support their

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Activists rally for dead teen

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TALLAHASSEE - Hand in hand with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the parents of Martin Lee Anderson marched ahead of more than 1,500 black-shirted protesters Friday, chanting and singing about his "murder" at a boot camp, the lack of arrests, the "coverups."

Gina Jones and Robert Anderson have been saying it all along — 105 days to be exact — ever since their 14-year-old boy was beaten by a gang of guards and left the Bay Boot Camp on a stretcher, starting a string of controversies that left the working-class family resigned to the feeling they were targets of a racially biased justice system.

But on Friday morning, the parents felt and saw tangible support: civil-rights icon Jackson, radio personality Al Sharpton and the protesters shouting, "No justice, no peace!" in a well-orchestrated rally of rousing call-and-response speeches and a boys choir rolling out a Black

spiritual about soon being done with the troubles of the world.

Also, Guy Tunnell, the state law-enforcement chief they thought was at the cen-

ter of what the parents called a "conspiracy," had resigned the night before, after alleged statements he made to colleagues comparing Jackson to gunslinger Jesse James

and U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, who in the end missed the rally, to Osama bin Laden.

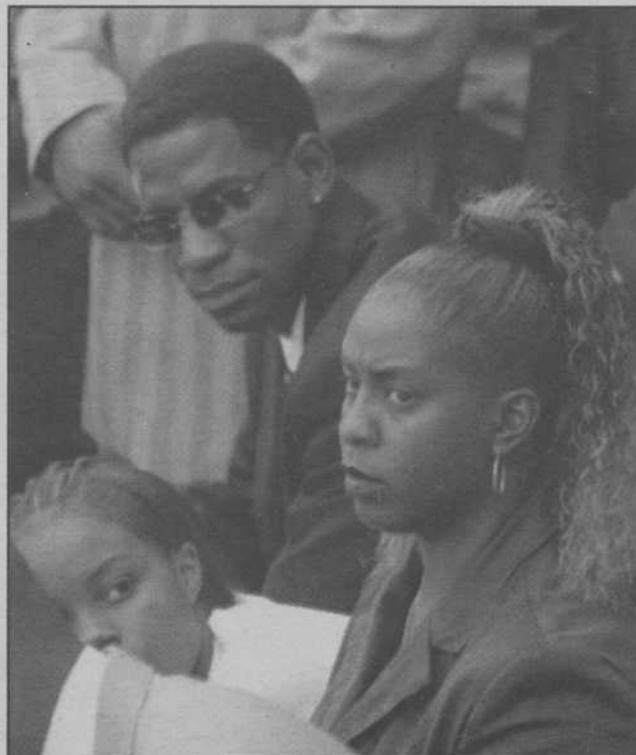
For the first time, the dead teen's dad uttered words that haven't left his lips since Jan. 5: "I'm happy. We took a positive step today."

Still, the boy's mother wept on occasion, her brow furrowed throughout by one thought: "Thinking about my baby, Martin, with him up looking down at me. I know he knows, Mommy's fighting. I'm going to continue on fighting for Martin. He don't have a voice. I'm Martin's voice. I'm going to speak for Martin."

She even spoke to Florida's most powerful politician, Gov. Jeb Bush. The governor met with the couple Thursday evening, after 30 area college students staged a 33-hour sit-in in his office over Martin's case.

The governor's meeting with the parents prompted the sit-in to end the evening before the march, which the

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Gina Jones, right, the mother of Martin Anderson, attends a demonstration at the Capitol along with Robert Anderson, Martin's father, center, and Martin's sister Startavia, left, on Friday in Tallahassee, Fla. Anderson died at youth camp.