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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Grocery store big topic of town hall

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The Historic Westside is still a community without a supermarket, and the City of Las Vegas has not yet penned any deal for a major grocer to occupy the southwest corner under development at West Lake Mead and Martin Luther King boulevards. That and other topics were discussed at the Tuesday night Ward 5 Town Hall meeting at Doolittle Community Center.

Area residents gathered with developers, elected officials, including Mayor Oscar Goodman, and other representatives to hear the latest developments in the ongoing attempt to relocate a large full-service grocery store after Vons on W. Owens and H Street shuttered its doors more than two years ago.

Since then, the

community's grocery needs have been supplied, in part, by Mario's Westside Market, a small grocery store on the opposite corner from the proposed development site.

Interim Ward 5, Councilwoman Brenda Williams called for the meeting and

community input when it became apparent that Laurich Properties, another in a series of interested parties, sought to acquire exclusive negotiating rights to recruit a grocery store anchor and develop a shopping center on the 10 remaining acres of the

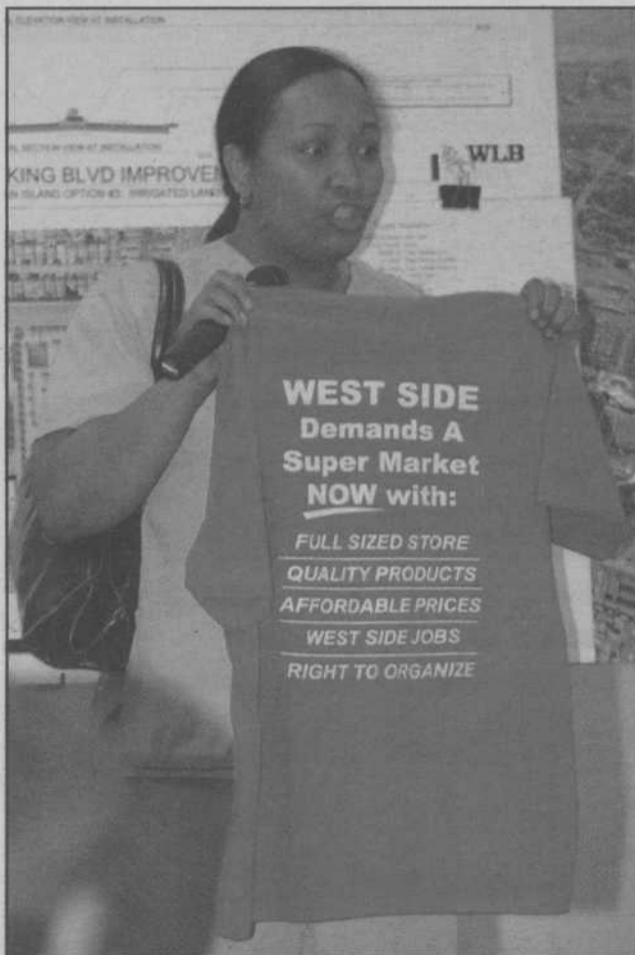


Brenda Williams, interim Ward 5 City Councilwoman, speaks during Tuesday's West Las Vegas town hall forum.

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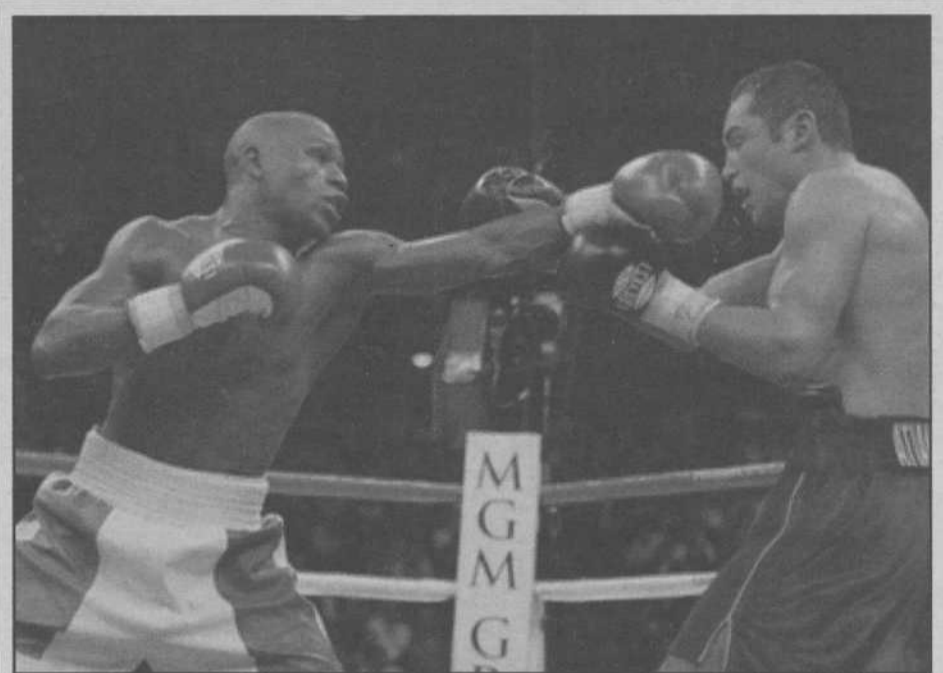
Enterprise Park Project.

The land is City-owned and comes with more than \$5 million dollars of tax incentives and additional bundled concessions for the chosen (See Townhall, Page 3)



Veronica Dunn Jones holds a T-shirt summing the feelings of West Las Vegans: They've had no store for years.

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Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, delivers a hard left jab to Oscar De La Hoya during their WBC Super Welterweight world championship boxing match on Saturday in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. Mayweather recorded a split-decision win.

Bout breaks records all across the board

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Turns out the obituaries written for boxing were a bit premature. Oscar De La Hoya's fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. set a record for most televised buys for a fight, according to figures released Wednesday, surpassing Mike Tyson's second fight with Evander Holyfield and making it boxing's richest event.

A total of 2.15 million households paid \$54.95 for the fight, generating revenue of \$120 million. The previous record set by

Tyson-Holyfield was 1.99 million buys.

"This puts to bed this theory of boxing being in trouble, or being dead or dying," said Ross Greenburg, head of HBO Sports. "This fight would have never materialized if boxing was dying."

A person close to the promotion said De La Hoya would end up making about \$45 million for the fight and Mayweather just over \$20 million. That person requested anonymity because the promoters (See Boxing, Page 11)

Smokers struggle as bans work

By Hazel Trice Edney
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Special to Sentinel-Voice
Part six of a series

More than a half million African-Americans have died from smoking-related diseases over the past decade. That's enough people to fill the cities of Atlanta, New Orleans, Kansas City, Mo., or Cleveland, Ohio. Yet, cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Then why are so many Black people dying from cigarettes and why is it so difficult to quit? This eight-part series — "Nicotine Ad-

diction" — seeks to explore these questions by featuring real people, real circumstances, and real answers.

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Vanessa Wickham-Baker, a 42-year-old manager of a public relations firm has a strategy.

She knows that smoking has become taboo in some circles and even illegal in others. So, rather than quit, the 24-year veteran smoker from Baltimore has learned to prepare herself for temporary restraint.

"I prep myself before I go in, most of the time, you know. When you're a smoker, when you go somewhere you know if you can

or can't smoke. So, I mentally prepare myself before I go in."

Elaine White, a retired Baltimore schoolteacher, who has been smoking 30 years, has it even harder than Baker. The 61-year-old has tried to quit. She once made it about five years before returning to the proven deadly habit. The temptation of her favorite brand, Benson and Hedges Ultra Deluxe Menthol, are often too much to resist.

Having reduced her intake from a pack a day down to now a half pack, she is still defiant when the "No Smoking" rules kick in.

She states simply, "It

doesn't bother me, until I need to smoke, then I smoke."

According to the "Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids," among the nation's top anti-tobacco lobbyists, 19 states now have smoke-free workplace laws that not only send messages about the dangers of smoking, but to protect non-smokers from the secondhand smoke that kills 54,000 people a year. Cigarette-related diseases kills 450,000 Americans a year, including 45,000 African-Americans a year.

"There's been a lot of support, a lot of receptivity from elected officials across the (See Nicotine, Page 10)