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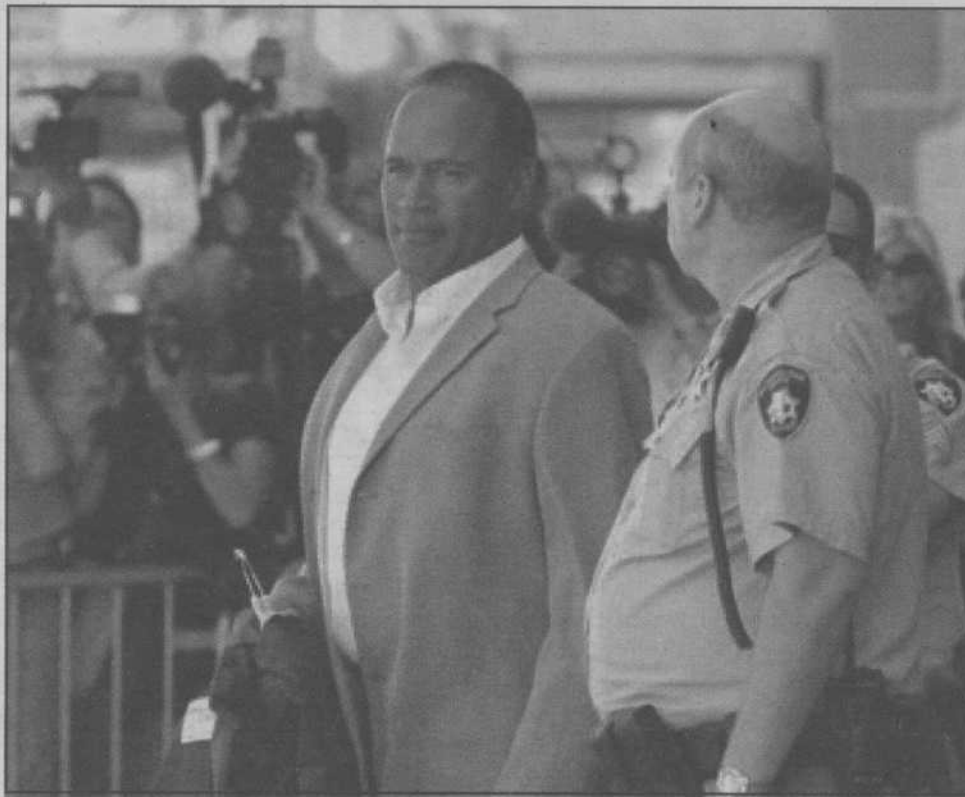
Simpson bails out, leaves Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson has left Las Vegas headed for his Miami, Fla., home after making bail following a six-day long ordeal that left Las Vegas at the center of a national mass media onslaught and a cast of characters no writer could concoct.

A judge set bail at \$125,000 for O.J. Simpson in connection with the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors at a local hotel-casino.

But Simpson was initially held in solitary protective custody in a 7-foot-by-14-foot cell at the Clark County Detention Center. Justice Court Chief Judge Douglas Smith requested no bail, calling Simpson a "flight risk" adding that Simpson had "no ties" locally.

At arraignment, Simpson



Out of jail and about: O.J. Simpson leaves the Clark County Detention Center after making \$125,000 bail. He did not talk to the media. Simpson faces 10 charges, including kidnapping.

direct" contact with co-defendants or potential witnesses in the case, the judge emphasized.

Simpson did not enter a plea at the hearing. He will be required to return on October 22, according to his attorney.

Despite the NFL sports celebrity of the Heisman Trophy winner, Simpson is known widely for standing trial for the 1994 killings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman, when Simpson declared he was "absolutely 100 percent not guilty" and the jury acquitted him.

At the Regional Justice Center, with throngs of reporters and cameras in and around the courthouse, Simpson appeared in a blue jail uniform and handcuffs, stood and grimaced as the judge read the list of 10 charges against him.

"Mr. Simpson do you understand the charges against you?" Bonaventure asked.

"Yes, sir," Simpson responded in a hoarse, low

voice.

After the arraignment, Attorney Yale Galanter said the \$125,000 bond was reasonable and had already been arranged for Simpson. He said Simpson would plead not guilty.

"We expect Mr. Simpson to be processed and released fairly quickly," Galanter said. "He's relieved. This has been a very harrowing experience for him."

Simpson, 60, was arrested Sunday after a collector reported a group of armed men charged into his hotel room at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino and took several items that Simpson claimed belonged to him.

Simpson was charged with kidnapping, robbery with use of a deadly weapon, burglary while in possession of a deadly weapon, coercion with use of a deadly weapon, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy to commit kidnapping, conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to commit a crime.

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Choirs hosting gospel event for Scholarships

By Lés Pierres Streater
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Celebrating 60 years in existence, the Federation of Choirs will be hosting its 20th annual Scholarship Gospel Jamboree at 3 p.m. Sunday at Second Baptist Church located at 500 Madison Ave. The host church's choir, along with those of four other churches — Carver Baptist, Community Baptist, Grace Emanuel Baptist and New Revelation Baptist — make up the federation. The scholarship fundraiser is free and open to the public.

The event is a fundraiser that will award \$4,000 to a student at each of the churches for a \$20,000 total.

The federation established its scholarship fund in 1986, and the first students awarded support from the churches received \$50 per student, per church. At last year's event, the donation level was \$5,000 per student to assist them after they graduated from high school.

During the past 20 years, the federation has been able to give financial assistance to 80-100 students pursuing their aspirations for higher education. To qualify for financial assistance, the students are required to maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, along with providing a transcript

proving enrollment at a college, university or technical trade school.

Albert Richard Sr., public relations spokesperson for the federation, stated, "This is a scholarship event for students attending each of the churches of the federation, and we are beginning our preparation for this gospel musical event [on] Monday evening and practicing over the next six days prior to the event on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We will be giving out the scholarships this Sunday, along with providing a gospel musical praise to lift up the name of the Lord and celebrate our 20th annual event. The scholarship is a one-time contribution to each of the students receiving the financial support, and it is anticipated at some time in the future these students will return to Las Vegas and give back to their churches and the community."

The organization has expanded to hosting host other annual events, such as the "Family and Friends Fellowship Banquet," "National Parent Day," "Easter Sunrise Service" and the "Praise Dancers Ministry," in an effort to foster their musical ministry and fellowship with one another.

For more information, contact Second Baptist Church at 648-6155.

appeared before Justice of the Peace Joe Bonaventure Jr., who laid out restrictions for his release. Among the conditions are surrendering his passport to his attorney and avoiding "direct or indi-

Does GOP hate Black people? Some say in fact there's truth

Politics 101—Part II
By Hazel Trice Edney
Special to Sentinel-Voice

In 2004, Black people voted 89 percent for the Democratic presidential candidate and 10 percent for Bush. Some pundits argue that the Democratic Party is the best hope for African-Americans, given the chilling right-wing bent of Republicans. But some of the nation's most respected civil rights leaders say the faithfulness of Black voters is not rewarded by Democrats and not desired by Republicans. This two part series, "Politics 101," seeks to explore both sides of both issues: Part I: Do Democrats Really Love Black People? and Part II: Do Republicans Really Hate Black People?



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Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo was the only Republican to show up to the NAACP summer convention.

Part II

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Only one of seven Republican candidates showed up for the NAACP presidential forum this summer. That one was Congressman Tom

Tancredo from Colorado. All eight Democrats attended.

Not one Republican presidential candidate showed up at the National Urban League's summer conference. (See Politics, Page 4)