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Franchise lost, food bank in danger

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The Community Food Bank of Clark County has been informed by county officials that it will no longer provide services. The announcement came at a meeting last week at county offices. The decision, according to one county official, was the result of the franchise being pulled by Chicago-based master food distributor American Second Harvest, supplier of a major portion of the provisions the local food bank distributes.

The organization received food at reduced prices and through donations. It redistributed it to nonprofits and handed food and supplies out at no charge to needy people in the local community.

The Community Food Bank serves 70,000 people a month, according to Bessie Braggs, executive director of the Community Food Bank of Clark County.

"The closing of the food



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Bessie Braggs, Community Food Bank executive director, laments the possible closure of the facility, which serves meals to more than 70,000 people a month. The nonprofit group's Chicago-based supplier pulled its franchising support.

bank will hurt poor people," Braggs said.

Another non-profit dis-

tributor will be selected to carry out the duties instead of the 31-year-old current food

bank.

Nevada-based, 1-year-old, Three Square is now

slated to replace the current food bank locally and is expected to become a franchi-

see in the American Second Harvest network, according to Braggs and Douglas Bell, a Clark County representative for community resources.

"They [the main office officials] came all the way from Chicago," speaking of Illinois-based American Second Harvest. Braggs said, "They told me they regulate," adding, "Later, we got an e-mail terminating our franchise."

Braggs spoke about the reason given: "They accused us of selling the food to the general public."

American Second Harvest is not a regulatory body, according to Braggs. "It is just another charity," she said.

Bell acknowledged that the reason the county pulled Braggs' organization's participation. "They lost their franchise."

Braggs said, "It was a done deal."

Speaking about an unre- (See Food Bank, Page 2)

'Queen of Swing' film shows in LV

By Shirley Savage-Hampton
Sentinel-Voice

The West Las Vegas Library presents a film documentary on Norma Miller at the West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., on Sunday at 3 p.m. The event will be hosted by Norma and the Woody Woods Quartet.

The event is free to the public.

Known to many as the "Queen of Swing," Miller is an author, choreographer, dancer, comedian and actor whose career spans over seven decades. Discovered at the age of 12 by the Savoy Ballroom's legendary dancer Twist Mouth George, Miller has been in show business ever since.

In 2003, Miller was honored with the National Heritage Foundation's Fellowship award from the National

Endowments of the Arts for her role in creating and continuing to preserve the "acrobatic" style of swing dance, known as the Lindy Hop.

"The [NEA's] National Heritage Award was a great honor, says Miller. It put me on a track to become a film producer." She intended it to be just the first of many.

"Swing was the only American dance created here in America," according to Miller. "And all of the current dancing styles are not related to swing at all. Swing is everlasting. I am 86 years old and I can still do swing. All of the current dance styles are for those that can still dance youthful. Swing is classical; it will never go out of style."

She says the thing that earns her the title of "Queen" (See Documentary, Page 4)

Winfrey TV's richest celebrity

NEW YORK (AP) - Oprah Winfrey keeps topping Forbes' rankings of the rich and famous.

This is Forbes' third go-round this year at putting Winfrey at the top of some list or other. The talk-show titan took the top spot on Forbes.com's list of "The 20 Richest Women in Entertainment" in January; six months later, she topped the magazine's annual "Celebrity 100 Power List" for the second time.

Winfrey, 53, now leads Forbes.com's list of the 20 richest celebs on television. It's one of many new celebrity lists being issued by the website, which appears to have figured out that ranking boldfaced names is a good way to get some attention.

Winfrey, whose media empire includes a maga-



Multimedia mogul Oprah Winfrey was named Forbes.com's richest TV personality.

zine and stakes in syndicated daytime talk shows by Dr. Phil McGraw and Rachael Ray, earned an estimated \$260 million between June 2006 and June 2007.

Former model turned actor and talk show host, Tyra Banks, is on the list at \$18 million.

Others in the top ten include Simon Cowell of

FOX's "American Idol" at third with \$45 million; Donald Trump and Jay Leno, both at \$32 million, and George Lopez at \$26 million.