

R&B show scheduled at coliseum

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Assistant coliseum director Bucky Dame announced earlier this week he has booked a show geared to the African-American community. The contemporary gospel act, Bebe and Cece Winan is scheduled to appear at the Lawrence Joel Veterans

Memorial Coliseum in August, Dame said on Monday.

Bebe and Cece Winan's act will be co-promoted with the city's set-aside fund. The fund was set up to help bring a variety of "at-risk" shows to the coliseum, said coliseum director Mike Solomon. The last co-promoted show held at the coliseum geared to the African-American

community was the theatrical production of *TRACKS!*, starring Yotanda King.

Since the cancellation of songstress Natalie Cole in March and prior cancellations by rapper LL Cool J and singers Diana Ross and Smokey Robinson, all in 1990, the coliseum has been unsuccessful in booking shows geared to African-

Americans. Dame said he is continuing talks concerning the Hammer '92 tour with A. H. Productions, a national promoter that handles major R & B and rap touring acts. He also said additional meetings are being held with local promoters in an effort to produce a rap show in May or June.

L.A. cops acquitted

Wind, a probationary officer, was fired after the indictments; the others were suspended.

Gates and some other Los Angeles authorities feared that acquittals might spark unrest. Police had earmarked \$1 million in overtime in case.

Black leaders, who spent weeks appealing for calm, denounced Gates' plan as inflammatory.

The jury, which included no blacks, heard from 54 witnesses whose recollections of the violent night of March 3, 1991 often conflicted.

Most of the testimony came from police officers and police employees, with three of the defendants testifying. But the most powerful evidence remained the videotape.

On a large-screen TV that dominated the courtroom, attor-

neys played it again and again at varying speeds.

Illuminated by the glare of police car headlights, it was a nightmare vision of a black man writhing under the baton blows of white police officers who clubbed and kicked him for 81 seconds.

Prosecutors said they counted 56 blows. King's leg and facial bones were broken. Koon, the officer in charge that night,

took the stand and calmly described the beating as "a managed and controlled use of force."

"It's violent and it's brutal," he said. "Sometimes police work is brutal. It's a fact of life."

Powell, accused of striking the most blows, said he thought King was under the influence of PCP. No sign of the drug was found in King's body, but tests showed he was drunk.

Farrakhan warns of conspiracy

the M.C. Benton Convention Center.

The Nation of Islam leader was invited to speak on the attack of black leaders by the Winston-Salem Four Committee and Mosque #56. The Winston-Salem Four are local black leaders indicted by the government for political corruption: Alderman Larry Womble, former Alderman Patrick Hairston, consultant Rodney Sumner and community activist the Rev. Lee Faye Mack. Their trial is now in its fifth week in federal court in Greensboro.

"I came tonight to speak the truth," said Farrakhan, while receiving numerous standing ovations and cheers from the audience.

He encouraged the crowd to support the Winston-Salem Four, who he said, were victims of America's goal.

"This is a historical pattern. It's bigger than the Winston Four.

It's about power, it's about leadership. It's about the ability to organize effectively."

"The wicked have always charged the righteous. But we say to the Winston-Four, like the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust said, 'Never again'. Never again will we let our brothers and sister go to trial alone," he preached.

Although the event was free to the public, the \$5,200 raised from donations made that night were donated to the Winston-Salem Four Committee. Farrakhan also announced that the proceeds from the audio and video tapes will go exclusively to the committee.

"Who are your accusers? A government who is guilty of murder, a government who is guilty of robbery, kidnapping, drug running. A government who is guilty of

Cheers from the audience echoed the auditorium throughout the three-hour speech. Farrakhan named the mayors of Washington D.C., Chicago and Atlanta, all of whom he said, have been victims of investigations by government agencies trying to separate the people from its leaders.

"How can (the government) accuse you of some little cheap crime when they are the major criminals?" he asked.

"Their purpose is to break you and your influence," he said, while pointing to Sumner.

He also left the audience in shock when he criticized Alderman Vivian Burke for choosing to side with four white aldermen. "One of your own broke ranks. She should have never been sent back and must be taken out of power. I know

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should be an outcast in our community. Make them regret the day they made a decision against the best interest of the black community," he shouted.

"Look at you. You four black aldermen had the juice. You were over finance committees, public works committees. But if you stayed in unity, you would have had power over the entire city," he said.

"But it's our personality differences that make us so blind to the bigger objective. Our objective is liberation," he said.

Attending the event were aldermen Nelson Malloy and Virginia Newell; President and CEO of the Urban League, D. Smith; 12th Congressional District candidate Larry Little, Bishop Freddie Marshall, Winston-Salem Mosque #56 Minister Ray X and mistress of ceremony, Hazel Mack.

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