

SENTINEL-VOICE PICKS YOBO BRIBERY CHARGE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BIGGEST '84 STORY

As we reflect on the year 1984 and what it meant to each of us, we follow through with the LAS VEGAS SENTINEL VOICE recap of the passing events. We have compiled this report of the year's top stories.

1984's leading story that caught the attention of the entire community was the YOBO charges against some top public officials. Among them were Clark County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson who pleaded guilty to the bribery charge of accepting \$5,000 on May 27, 1981 from a former undercover agent allegedly in exchange for his political influence. Wilson submitted his resignation from the Commission on July 20. He was given a 3-year probation

and ordered to perform 250 hours of public service in each year of probation and also directed to repay the \$5,000 bribe he took from the undercover agent. Businessman Donald Clark was named as replacement on the Clark County Commission by Governor Richard Bryan.

The story edged out the reports of the eleven who were indicted by grand jury in the Las Vegas Opportunities Industrial Center (OIC) extortion conspiracy involving \$30,000 in federal funds earmarked for the agency into their own pockets. Jim Chaney, OIC executive Director, resigned from the post during the investigation.

THE TOP 10:

1. YOBO bribery charges brought against County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson.

2. OIC extortion conspiracy case involving \$30,000 in federal funds. 11 were indicted by grand jury.

3. Southern Nevada Employment and Training program, formerly known as CETA, was raided by local and federal authorities during September.

4. HUD called for firing of North Las Vegas Housing Authority as manager of Centennial Park Arms housing project for variety of problems—including misuse of funds. Robert Arrington was removed from his \$30,000 position in the wake of the funds misappropriation charges of HUD funds.

5. Westside Charter Service, in a compromise settlement with the Public Service Commission agreed on Aug. 20 to pay \$5,000 fine and to correct accounting system. They also agreed to pay up to \$2,500 of the cost of the last PSC audit, and up to \$1,000 of the cost of a future compliance audit. The Charter also faced an IRS tax lien of \$9,118.38 for non-payment of employee taxes—it was subsequently paid.

6. Heated political campaigns were conducted for State and Assembly seats during the Primary and General election contests. State Senator Joe Neal was reelected after a close battle against Atty. Dave Phillips. Assembly seats went to incumbent Gene Collins and Morse Ar-

berry, Jr. Dr. William Pearson emerged as winner for the County Commission seat against former State Assemblyman Lonie Chaney. A record number of 18 black candidates ran for the various offices in the Primary election.

7. Local chapter, NAACP, presidency election on Nov. 18 became bogged down on technicalities. The officers elected will now be seated at the local office on Jan. 9. Rev. Jesse Scott is the new President.

8. Metro Police made an early raid during the month of March nabbing eleven in the large drug bust following a three-month investigation.

9. Dr. Charles I. West, Jr., Nevada's first black doctor, newspaper pioneer, died at 76 on Oct. 14. He founded the Las Vegas Voice newspaper now owned by the Brown Publishing Co.

10. District Judge Ad-deliar Guy was named Chief Judge of the State's Eighth Judicial District Court by fellow jurists heading 16 courts in Clark County. He was the only one nominated by his fellow jurists.

The runners-up were stories on a local group, comprising Jay Elliott, Clayton Bywaters, Louis Bland, Bob Elliott and Lamarr McDaniels purchasing the Blue Angel Hotel-Motel, 2110 E. Fremont; Billy Suggs, Enforcement Division

Chief of the State Gaming Control Board was accused of sexual assault try on a 35-year-old enforcement division agent in the Reno office; Las Vegas businessman Tony Washington received a heart transplant from actor Jon-Erik Hexum during the month of October.

Edna J. O'Neal, a home economics teacher at Rancho High School, was named the 1984 Nevada Home Economics Teacher of the Year; Willie Shannon arraigned on auto theft charges during September—went on trial for alleged rape charges . . . Justice Kelly Slade dismissed the auto theft charges; Las Vegas light industry development project completed at the Nucleus Plaza facility is not occupied since its completion a couple months ago. Early occupancy expected; Two teenagers shot over a drug deal during September—neighbors in the area alleged to have set fire to an auto parked nearby, near the intersection of Lake Mead and Comstock Drive. Victims suffered minor injuries.

Nine organizations awarded OIC funds withdrawn from the LV Opportunities Industrial Center (OIC). Awarded the funds were City Light Industry facility, Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Assoc. of Latin Americans, Las Vegas Indian Center, Nevada Economic Development Co., Southern Nev. Assoc. for the Physically Handicapped, Operation Life Outreach Program and Poor People Pulling Together program; Ray & Ross Transport purchased, during the month of April,

Transportation Unlimited. Their total inventory included 30 busses, 13 cars, 8 luggage trucks. The business is owned by Sammy Ross Armstrong and Douglas Ray McCain; Ministers charged that Governor Bryan reneged on previous promise to set aside one of the optional holidays as a Dr. Martin Luther King observance last year. The Governor, in turn, blasted the Ministers Alliance for Dr. King holiday stance; Rita Maxey opened two Rita Grocery outlets in the community. Both locations completely redecorated and refurbished with new marketing plans—an enhancement for the community; Assemblyman Gene Collins convicted for failure to file income tax returns. The courts set a probationary period to settle the matter.

Boxer Bruce Curry, convicted of assault of his trainer with a gun. He was ordered to obtain medical treatment; 11 were nabbed in a drug bust at 875 Hart Street following a three-week narcotics agent's investigation; John Oliver Snow accused of Feb. 13, 1983 contract-killing of nightclub owner Harry Wham; Patrick Cavanaugh convicted of first-degree murder on slaying of a member of the Coaster singing group; Robert Archie, former Las Vegas Attorney, released from prison. Judge orders treatment at a VA Hospital as a condition for probation; Rev. Albert Dunn released from federal prison, after serving time, on counterfeiting charge; Clark County School Trustee, Virginia Brooks Brew-

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In Memory Of Our Son



Rodney Cheapell Carter Dixon 1

was killed 3 years ago on Jan. 7, 1982 in an automobile accident on Cherokee St. The car was driven by Grant Allen.

We miss our son so very much. It doesn't seem as though we'll ever be able to put this behind us and go on with our lives. So many families have lost their children in the same way.

We ask all of our friends, as well as parents who have had the same tragedy happen to their child, to pray with us. We miss our Cheapell so very much.

We ask all of Cheapell's friends to please not forget our son Cheapell.

We love Cheapell much too much. We gave him our life and everything we could when he was alive. Please help us to keep Cheapell's memory alive.

Thank you.

Son, Rodney Cheapell, 11
Parents Leon & Bettye Dixon
& Family



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