

## LVABSE Sponsors Third Annual Banquet and Mini Workshops

The third Annual Banquet and Mini Workshops sponsored by the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators, Inc., will be held Saturday, May 25, at the MGM Grand Hotel, Metro Rooms 1, 2, and 3 on the 26th floor. The general session, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. will feature a panel of distinguished local educators and community leaders who will respond to a report prepared by the National Alliance of Black School Educators Task Force on Black Academic and Cultural Excellence entitled, "Saving the African American Child." Also, segments of the most significant document concerning the education of black people in America will be shown and discussed. This video taped report entitled, "Are We Educating Black America?" is the

result of nine months of research commissioned by Dr. Donald H. Smith, NABSE President and Professor of Education at Baruch College, City University of New York.



Dr. James E. Anderson, II

Nationally acclaimed educators Dr. Asa G. Hilliard III, Fuller Callaway Professor of Education at Georgia State University, and Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore of Education at Georgia State University, and Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore, Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, will

present their findings and recommendations on how to increase black academic and cultural excellence.

The Mini Workshops scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature the following timely and relevant topics:

— The Role of the Church in the Educational Process, Presenter: Reverend Marion D. Bennett.

— Career Choices for the High School Graduate, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Presenter: Dr. O.C. (Bob) Daniels.

Clark County Community College, Presenter: Dr. C. Lavonne Moton.

Reynolds Electric and Engineering Company, Inc., Presenter: Mrs. Lavonne Lewis.

The Armed Services (All Branches), Presenter: Captain Bryan Stevenson.

Effective Parenting: How to Help Your Child Succeed in School and Beyond. Presenter: Mr. Billy R. Chapman.

Safe, Sane and Drug Free, Presenter: Mr. Clifton E. Davis, Jr.

The banquet will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature as keynote speaker, Dr. James E. Anderson II, internationally renowned educator and lecturer. Dr. Anderson is associate professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, College of Education, University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

For ticket information, please call 647-3902 or 457-2393.

## Seige ends in death

### Suicidal man holds four-hour standoff

A man who threatened to commit suicide, was shot to death by a Metro Police sharpshooter Wednesday afternoon after he held his 3-month-old boy hostage and fired several shots at police.

John Thomas Walker, 35, was involved in a more than four-hour standoff with Henderson police and Metro SWAT officers when he barricaded himself in a friend's residence at 105 Ocotillo St.

Walker reportedly distraught over a family dispute, was killed at 4:27 p.m. in front of 105 Ocotillo St. after more than five hours of taunting officers and telling them to "do your job" by shooting him. The 3-month-old boy was not hurt when he fell to the ground with his mortally wounded father.

Walker and his 14-year-old son, who armed themselves with a 9mm automatic pistol and a .357-caliber Magnum revolver, walked around the house and in the street several times during the afternoon. One of them, usually Walker, carried the baby when they were outside.

At times he would fire shots into the air, once toward officers, and once toward members of the media.

The Walkers reportedly had 160 rounds of ammunition inside the house.

Henderson Police Chief Jim Gott, around 4 p.m. issued the "green light" to shoot Walker — whether he was carrying his baby or not

— if Walker left the area of the residence and went out into the street while carrying a gun.

About 4:30 p.m. a sharpshooter fired at Walker, striking him once in the head and once in the abdomen. Walker was transported to Rose de Lima Hospital where he was pronounced dead about 5 p.m.

Dan Tarwater, assistant administrator at St. Rose de

"admitted for observation," but appeared to be unhurt.

The incident began about 11 a.m. when Walker telephoned police and KT-NV-TV newsman Steve Schorr and threatened to kill himself.

The man said he was having problems with his wife who left him and indicated if he didn't kill himself then he wanted police to do it for him.



John Thomas Walker, with baby at right, shown with son.

Lima Hospital, said Walker arrived with no vital signs but doctors tried to revive him anyway because it "was possible to keep him alive."

He said the baby was

A Henderson police officer said Walker originally had four people in the house with him, the baby, the 14-year-old and two women.

## Kermit Bayless files school discrimination charge with Rights Commission

A black high school counselor with the Clark County School District has filed a petition with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission charging racial discrimination and harassment by school officials.

Kermit Bayless, a one-time Olympic candidate and member of an NCAA record-breaking relay team during the 1970's is charging that while he was counselor at Clark High School, he was put under such pressure during his tenure there that he has now been forced to go on medical leave of absence.

Bayless believes that district officials were deliberately attempting to tarnish his record with the school system in an attempt to prevent him from becoming one of the few black track coaches in the county school system.

The one-time track star appeared before a fact-finding panel on May 6, which was an informal meeting of the commission, the complainant, and the school district officials.

According to reports, the school district was requested by the commission to sign a statement agreeing to "cease and desist from any further harassment actions" against Bayless.

District officials reportedly refused to sign the request according to one witness at the hearing.

A former member of the California State University, Hayward, track team, Bayless has exhausted his sick leave time, and is currently awaiting a decision from workmen's compensation on this third appeal, whether he will receive financial support during his illness.



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