

FROM THE DESK OF GWEN WALKER

**IDA B. WELLS BARNETT
A Civil Rights Worker**

Ida B. Wells Barnett (1869-1931), a militant civil rights fighter of the 19th century, was born of free parents in Holly Springs, Mississippi. As a child, Ida showed unusual aptness by learning to read at an early age. She established a fine record at Rust College, located at Holly Springs.

Since the majority of the Negro adults who patronized her father's store could not read, Ida's father would sit on a cracker barrel with the newspaper to read to the customers.

At the age of 14, Ida lost both of her parents in a yellow fever epidemic. A courageous and determined young woman, she took on the responsibility of raising seven children by obtaining a job as a school teacher.

The conditions of the Negroes around her were so appalling that the young school mistress wrote articles to newspapers citing the injustices that Negroes

had to endure. She won national recognition for her forceful articles, but was dismissed from her teaching



Ida B. Wells Barnett

job because it displeased the members of the school board.

She moved to Memphis in 1892, where she devoted herself to fighting racial discrimination. When three of her associates were lynched in Memphis, she voiced her

**Rosa Parks To Speak at
Clark County Community College**

Rosa Parks, nationally recognized as the "Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement" in America will speak on Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clark County Community College Learning Resource Center.

Mrs. Parks' appearance is the fourth in the Ethnic Voices Lecture Series cosponsored by the Community College and the Nevada Humanities Committee.

As space is limited, seating will be available on a first

protest loud and strong and was compelled to flee the city.

In Chicago she launched a campaign against lynchings in the United States and used these facts in her speeches in America and England.

She opened a social center for Negro youth in Chicago, was the first Black probation officer in Chicago and was a co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

come, first serve basis. Admission is free.

Mrs. Parks' refusal to surrender her seat to a white, male passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama bus on December 1, 1955 triggered a wave of protest that reverberated throughout the nation.

Presently, Mrs. Parks is heading the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for self Development based in Detroit. The purpose is to motivate and direct the "average" youth not targeted by other programs to achieve their highest potential.

CHAMBER HOTLINE IN NORTH LAS VEGAS

The North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce has dedicated a "voicemail" phone line to serve chamber members. Each day up to three brief merchants' messages featuring "shoppers specials" are pre-recorded.

Mention of the Hotline message earns callers dis-

counts or special services. A free service to member merchants, the Hotline (594-1849) has received hundreds of calls since its beginning last November.

Merchant members are asked to call the Chamber with their specials.

Westside Senior Citizens & Single Mothers
If you need your houses repaired as far as exterior painting, mending fences or cleaning up your yard, call the Westside Task Force.

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**NATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP
HONORS LOCAL RESIDENT**

Michael Walden, Computer Laboratory manager at Clark County Community College in North Las Vegas (Nevada), has been named recipient of the 1989 "Business Associate of the Year Award," given annually by the Amer-

Walden, who has been legally blind since birth, was graduated with honors from Clark County Community College in 1984. He joined the community college faculty as a Laboratory Monitor the same year and was later pro-

ing and Electronics at several California and Nevada universities before settling on Computer Science as his life's work. He has written a number of popular computer programs for the Tandy Corporation (Space Cube, Gal-



MICHAEL WALDEN, Computer Laboratory Manager at Clark County Community College, is all smiles as he accepts the 1989 "Business Associate of the Year" award, which is given annually by the American Business Women's Association. Making the presentation is Yolanda West, left, president of the association. Walden's mother, Minnie, is shown on the right.

ican Business Women's Association.

The award was presented at the association's fortieth annual dinner meeting held recently at the Country Inn in Las Vegas.

moted to Laboratory Instructor. He assumed his present position in 1987 and is currently responsible for the operation and utilization of the college's computer facility, as well as its 20 person staff.

Endowed with an insatiable curiosity and thirst for knowledge, Walden studied English Literature, Engineer-

lactic Battle and Probe), holds six patents in airship technology and is one of the founders of the Southern Nevada Apple Family Users Group.

A long time Nevada resident, Walden lives with his wife Juanita and their three children in North Las Vegas.

Bake Sale To Benefit Tenants for Legal Rights

The Tenants for Fair and Legal Rights Committee will be having a bake sale on February 18 at K-Mart, 5050 E. Bonanza Rd., Bonanza and Nellis.

Baked goods or donations are needed so that the group can continue to inform, educate and provide legal fees for low-income tenants.

For more information call Marjorie Rux at 385-4928 or after 6:00 p.m. call Gayle Gonzalez at 399-0851.

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