

Attorney General's Decision Arouses Legislator

District 7's Assemblyman Morse Arberry was disturbed by the recent announcement of the Attorney General's office not to request a new trial involving three Las Vegas police officers. In response to that decision, Assemblyman Arberry has spoken out with the following statement.

As a member of the black community in Clark County, and as a legislator representing Southern Nevada, I was shocked to hear the announcement from the Attorney General office today that the state has decided not to pursue the Bush case. In

this case, three metropolitan police officers were charged in the death of a black man after applying the controversial "choke hold" to subdue him. This case is very important to the citizens of this state, whether black or white, and to have it dropped,

without being properly resolved, is a grave injustice to all Nevadans.

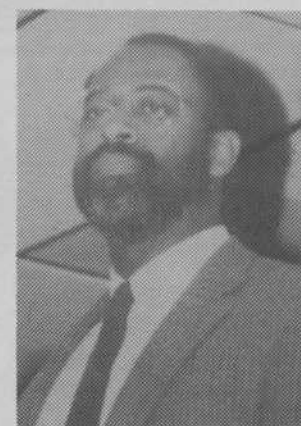
The original trial of the Bush Case proved absolutely nothing. It resulted in a hung jury—The case was not resolved and nothing was proven. And now, the Attorney General's office refuses to let the case be properly resolved in the courts. The Attorney General stated that "I have no reason to believe that a new trial would result in a conviction." If the Attorney General's

office felt that the case would not result in a conviction, why was it tried in the first place? And if it had merit in the first place, why drop it before justice is served?

This is clearly a situation where the magnitude and possible consequences of a specific case have rendered our system of justice ineffective. This decision sends a message to the black community that our concerns, our rights, and our lives are not of sufficient importance to be afforded proper justice. All

we ask is that the case be properly resolved, that justice be served.

The black community feels slighted in this decision and all of Nevada's citizens should view it as an affront to our judicial system. This case proves absolutely nothing. We would ask the Attorney General to reconsider her decision, and allow the judicial process to be carried to its conclusion so that justice may truly be served for all of Nevada's citizens.



Assemblyman Morse Arberry

NABJ TO SPONSOR "MEDIA ACCESS SEMINAR" TO INFORM PUBLIC

By Muhammad Abdullah

In an attempt to educate, inform and help individuals, organizations and other concerned citizens about the "proper methods" to utilize all media sources, the National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ), Las Vegas Chapter, is sponsoring a "Media Access Seminar" on Saturday, March 9, 1991 at Channel 8 TV Studio, 3228 Channel 8 Drive.

Local president of NABJ, Marcia Pledger said that she was excited about the seminar because many individuals, organizations and other groups will be able to hear straight from the professionals how to "effectively" utilize the press, radio and television coverage to get their message to the public.

According to Mary Hill, news reporter, Las Vegas Sun and NABJ members, many people do not know how to properly write a "News Release" or "Public Service Announcement" and therefore may not receive the coverage that they may deserve.

Many time news stories may go unreported because many people do not know how to properly write a "Press Release" and when we get the story we may not have enough to go on... This seminar will give the public the opportunity to meet the professionals, ask the questions and receive packets on how to utilize the media properly.

The NABJ Chapter of Las Vegas, Nevada is growing rapidly and at present has representatives from every media source. Some of the members include Marcia Pledger, reporter, Las Vegas Review Journal, President Wendy Nichols, Channel 3, Secretary, Mary Hill, reporter, Las Vegas Sun, Carla Alston, Channel 13, Larry Weekly, KCEP, Barbara Troutman, KCEP, Ramon Savoy, Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, Bob Rodgers, Las Vegas Sentinel-

Voice, Muhammad Abdullah, Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice and Ray Willis, Public Relations Director, Clark County School District, just to name a few.

This is a "historic first" for Las Vegas, Nevada and for members of the public that are interested in getting the best use of the "print" and "electronic media," this NABJ seminar promises to be a far-reaching educational experience.

We are working hard to make sure that not only will we command more "fairness" in the media when it comes to "people of color" but we are also dedicated to insuring that all members of the public, particularly African-Americans receive "equal access" to all media sources.

"The NABJ is here to stay and we are here to serve you," said Pledger.

For more information about how you or your organization, religious group, business or association can participate in this seminar, contact Marcia Pledger at (702) 644-7994 or Ramon Savoy at (702) 383-4030. The seminar will take place on Saturday, March 9, 1991 at the Channel 8 studios at 10 a.m., located at 3228 Channel 8 Drive.

NABJ, the national organization, was founded on December 12, 1975 by 43 African-Americans and women in Washington, D.C., who were interested in seeing "fair representation of

African-Americans" in the media.

Joel Dreyfuss, who worked in the 1970s for the New York Post and The Washington Post, wrote in the NABJ Journal, February issue (a bi-monthly journal), that journalists got together over such issues as

"racism" and "conservation" in the media. Dreyfuss felt that it was time for black media representatives to write and let their voices be heard.

Locally, our community is fortunate to have the vibrant, aggressive and well-informed leadership exhibited by Marcia

Pledger, our local president who is also a charter member of the national organization and keeps us abreast of its activities and goals. Come out and join us in this informative activity. We will see you there.

This is the time for all interested persons who want to utilize

radio, television and newspaper coverage to come see how its done. Packets will be given out on a "first come, first served" basis. Arrive early and meet the "newsmakers" of Las Vegas who you read in print and see and hear daily on radio and the 6 o'clock news.

FAYE DUNCAN-DANIEL TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL



FAYE DUNCAN-DANIEL

Long-time North Las Vegas resident Faye Duncan-Daniel announced Monday that she plans to run for an at-large council seat in North Las Vegas in the May primary election.

Duncan-Daniel, 45, is a teacher in the Clark County School District Adult Education program. She previously worked at the Union Plaza Hotel for 17 years, where she worked her way up from a room reservations clerk to executive assistant hotel manager.

As a resident of North Las Vegas since 1978, Duncan-

Daniel said she has a firm grasp on the problems facing the city and the need for council members who are more concerned about issues at the grassroots level.

"I want to have more visibility with residents in the neighborhoods and a greater sensitivity to their needs," she stated. "Council members must be in tune with the concerns of people

in this uncertain period of unprecedented growth and recession," she added.

Duncan-Daniel is a member of the State Displaced Home-
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