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## WIN SPONSORS LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF LAS VEGAS NAACP CHAPTER



(L-R) Helen Chisolm, mayor Jan Jones, NAACP president Rev. Jesse Scott and Mrs. Geri Leigh

W.I.N., Women In The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People, will host a luncheon celebrating the 63rd Anniversary Of The Las Vegas NAACP Chapter on Saturday, February 29, 1992. The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Honorary Chairperson, Mayor Jan Laverty Jones will be joined by Governor Bob Miller and other community leaders to applaud the achieve-

ments of the NAACP Las Vegas Chapter and recognize the start-up of the Las Vegas Win Chapter.

Win provides support for the ongoing goals of the NAACP and serves as a positive influence for women by taking active roles in health, social and economic issues.

"We have approximately 50 members right now," said Ida Gaines, W.I.N. Chairperson. "We (See WIN Sponsors, Page 20)

## CHURCH LEADER DENIES HARASSING RAPE VICTIM IN MIKE TYSON CASE

Indianapolis - Rev. T.J. Jemison, the head of the nation's largest black church organization denied Wednesday that members of his National Baptist Convention of America tried to coerce Desiree Washington into withdrawing her rape complaint against Mike Tyson. An Indianapolis television station reported Wednesday that the FBI is investigating reports that representatives of the Baptist church organization approached the accuser before Tyson's trial began in January. Jemison, president of the group, acknowledged he telephoned the women.

"I talked to her on the phone. I asked her why she was going through with this," Jemison said from his Mt. Zion First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La. "We talked to her about the trial and we were hoping she would not use the trial to hurt this fellow."

"She said she wasn't interested in anything other than going to court and that was the end of the conversation."

In the meantime, an attorney reported Wednesday that he overheard a juror from the Tyson trial claim that the trial was fixed.

Attorney Robert Prather said that a man he recognized as juror No. 2 made the remarks last Saturday.

"He said that trial was fixed and outside the control of the jury and there was nothing they could do about it," Prather added.



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## LAS VEGAS, RENO/SPARKS NAACP BRANCHES HOLD STATEWIDE SUMMIT

This weekend, Tonopah, Nevada will be the site as the NAACP branches of both Northern and Southern Nevada will meet for a Statewide Summit Conference designed to make plans regarding the future of Blacks in Nevada.

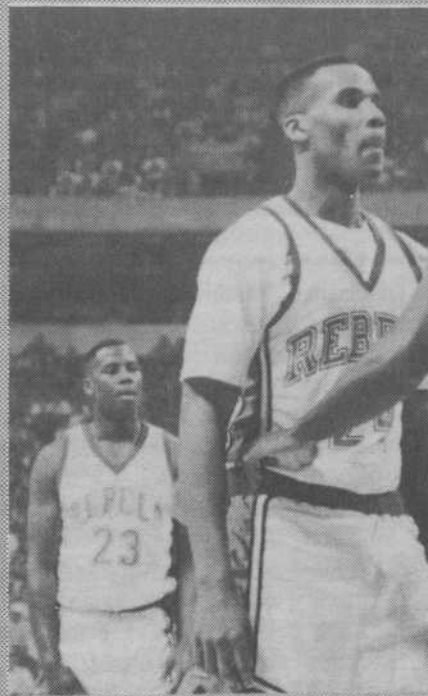
A bus will leave the Las Vegas NAACP office located at 940 West Owens in the Nucleus Plaza at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, and will return Saturday around midnight.

The invited guest speakers for Friday night will be Attorney Richard Segerblom, State Chairman of the Democratic party, and Ken Sawyer, State Chairman of the Republican party.

The agenda for Saturday's full day of conferences include: Economic and Political Empowerment, NAACP Membership and Fundraising.

The Tonopah Summit is being held one month before the March Caucuses of the Democratic and Republican parties.

## WHAT'S GOIN' ON AT UNLV THIS WEEK?



Dexter Boney (R) and co-captain Evric Gray (L) vote YES in hopes of receiving eligibility to this year's NCAA tournament

By W.G. Ramirez

Claiming their rights were violated by an agreement between the NCAA and the university over sanctions last year, UNLV basketball players voted to file a lawsuit against both parties and Coach Jerry Tarkanian, this past Wednesday, in hopes of being granted eligibility in this year's NCAA tournament.

Dexter Boney stated that the players felt they deserved a chance to be recognized for their

successful season. "It's very important for us to go to court and try to win the case. I think we would do fine in the tournament," added Boney.

The Rebels feel they shouldn't have to pay for UNLV's 15-year legal battle with the NCAA.

"If we get a preliminary injunction based on the arguments that have been discussed, then the NCAA and the university are confronted with a situation where either they (NCAA) obey the preliminary injunction and allow our team to be considered for a bid by the selection committee or they disobey a court order," explained attorney Steve Stein.

Stein, now convinced there is a solid case to overturn the sanction which bars UNLV from playing in the postseason, delivered his arguments to the players after Wednesday's practice.

A show of hands was asked for and all but two of the Rebels, seniors Elmore Spencer and Melvin Love, voted to go ahead with the suit.

Tarkanian, who will be a defendant in the suit, says he doesn't want to coach in the tournament and walked away from the meeting before the vote took place. "I thought I was the one the NCAA wanted," said Tarkanian.

If the Rebels were given a chance to play, the Rebels would have to enter the postseason without a chance at the automatic bid that the winner of the Big West Tournament receives. Under NCAA rules, UNLV does not have room on their schedule for another game. The school had already planned an extra game to compensate for the Big West Tournament after learning they had been banned from postseason play.

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