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We also believe that the African American does an above average job of covering national and international events from an African perspective.

By in large, the African American press fills an invaluable void with regards to news coverage, however, too many of the articles are press releases—second and sometimes even third hand.

Nevertheless, we present the following examples of national and international articles that we read in numerous African American newspaper—from January thru July.

Some of these articles were also reported on in the non African press as well. Keep supporting the African press.

We believe that the African American press will continue to

lead the way throughout the year.

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**JANUARY**—Dr. King Holiday Celebrations, the Nation of Islam—Kemron for AIDS virus, the Azania Youth Organization threatens to use violence against Paul Simon and later Whoopi Goldberg, the Australian Olympic Basketball team threatens to boycott if Magic Johnson plays.

**FEBRUARY**—The Dr. Leonard Jeffries vs. the City University of New York episode continues, Dr. Ben Hooks of the NAACP announces retirement, Mike Tyson convicted of rape, Alex Haley dies.

**MARCH**—The late Rev. James Cleveland and AIDS, Harvard Law Professor Derrick Bell Pledges to stay away from Harvard, Katherine Dunham ends her fast in protest of Haitians mistreatment, Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley announces retirement.

**APRIL**—Stanley S. Scott dies of cancer, P.J. Patterson cho-

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sen Jamaican Prime Minister, Arthur Ashe and AIDS, Virginia Union's basketball team crowned Div. II champions.

**MAY**—Los Angeles erupts after Rodney King/Police officers verdict, Ramona Africa of MOVE freed, Rickey Henderson steals his 1000th base in base-

ball, Iman marries David Bowie.

**JUNE**—Rev. Jesse Jackson to head NAACP?, A.G. Gaston chosen Entrepreneur of the Century, Bill Clinton/Sister Souljah controversy, Dr. Lenora Fulani defeats Ron Daniels on Peace and Freedom Ticket in California.

**JULY**—Coverage of Democratic Convention in New York, five African Americans received MacArthur Fellowships, Abu Bakr released in Trinidad, African American gangs in LA maintain truce, Minister Farrakhan says "Beware of Malcolm X Movie", UNCF's Bill Gray pro-

claims that "Education is the Key."

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## DESPITE THE BOYCOTT, 1992-93 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS SMOOTHLY

Thousands of students in the Clark County School District returned to the classroom Monday, the first day of the 1992-93 school year, with only the usual new-school-year glitches occurring.

Eight new schools opened on schedule, as predicted, including two that were down to the wire. Teachers, parents and staff worked long hours over the weekend to make sure that Pat Bendorf and Selma Bartlett Elementary Schools would be ready to open Monday. Some details still needed to be completed—such as installation of library shelves and general cleaning at Bendorf, and library shelving and

paving at Bartlett - but those did not interfere with children's education.

The remaining six new schools also opened successfully. The are Lee Antonello, Jim Thorpe, Harry Reid (Searchlight) and Jack Dailey elementary schools, and Theron Swainston and Thurman White middle schools.

"We want to commend everyone who worked long and hard to make sure our new schools opened on time, and also commend everyone else who helped to ensure that the 1992-93 year got off to a smooth start," said Superintendent Brain Cram.

Elsewhere in the district, most of the 600 school buses in service today ran their routes without incident, said Matt Wallace, transportation director. There

were a few problems, however, which are typical of the start of a new year. Some buses ran late because of traffic congestion, road construction or students not being at the correct stop, Wallace said. A few other buses were overcrowded.

Wallace said transportation officials are working to iron out the problems so that buses are not overcrowded and are running on time.

Campuses were quiet for the most part, except for the hustle and bustle associated with the first day of the new school year. Schools continued to register students Monday morning, although several principals said the district's early registration campaign helped facilitate the process.

School police, meanwhile, reported no major incidents. An

additional six school police officers were on duty and will continue on day shift for the next several weeks, said Jack Lazzarotto, director of school security. The additional officers, who were rescheduled from other shifts, are on day shift "to expect the unexpected and to increase the force's visibility," Lazzarotto said.

On duty today for the next few weeks during the school day are 21 patrol officers, plus two officers stationed at each urban high school and an officer stationed at each of six junior high schools and opportunity school campuses. In addition, nine senior high schools are now equipped with video surveillance equipment.

An estimated 136,000 students are expected to enroll for the 1992-93 school year, an increase of 5.16 percent from the 1991-92 enrollment of 129,245 students. But officials said Monday that it's too soon to provide an estimate. If history repeats itself, enrollment will continue to increase through and immediately after Labor Day before tapering off.

For that reason, officials said it's not possible to assess any impact of the boycott of public schools called by some West Las Vegas parents because of their concerns over the district's court-ordered desegregation plan, which requires

West Las Vegas children to be bused for grades one through five for desegregation purposes. Reports varied on the number of students involved, but there was no noticeable effect on district-wide enrollment figures.

"We are pleased to have the start of another school year under our belts and are glad that it went smoothly," Cram said. "We hope this is a good sign for the upcoming year."

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Jimmy Frank gives the voter an alternative candidate. He has no hidden agendas nor is he tied to any group. He is running for State Senate • District 5 because he believes he can improve the quality of life in Nevada.

He has lived 27 years of his 38 years in Las Vegas and has seen it grow and flourish. He has also seen the problems that come with this growth and wants to help with the solutions to these problems.



He and his wife of 15 years, Sharon, plan to raise their two daughters, Jaime Celeste (4) and Sara Nicole (2), in Las Vegas which gives them a special incentive to make it the best possible place to live.

Jimmy and Sharon are, in themselves, a Las Vegas success story. After high school, the couple left the area so Sharon could attend medical school. She became an ear, nose & throat specialist and has her practice at 1569 E. Flamingo, specializing in Otolaryngology. The couple own the medical complex which Jimmy manages.

**Jimmy Frank**

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