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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

UNITY MARCH AND RALLY HELD AS HUNDREDS LOOK ON

By Muhammed Abdullah

"What do we want?" "Justice!" "When do we want it?" "Now!" These words rang out loud and clear on Saturday, April 17, as concerned citizens and community leaders held a "Unity March" beginning at Main Street and Washington Avenue, through downtown to Fremont, culminating with a rally on the steps of the Las Vegas City Hall.

Nearly 150 people participated in the march, as onlookers and tourists joined the marchers as it progressed towards City Hall.

Leading the marchers were Joanna Wesley-Lee, Rev. Chester Richardson, Rev. James Rogers, Pastor, Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, member of Community Peace, Sgt. Wingett, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Depart-

ment, and Assemblyman Wendell Williams, just to name a few.

The unity march songs could be heard echoing downtown as the marchers reached the strip while photographers, and television news crews followed the marchers along the route as Las Vegas Metropolitan Police support crews escorted the marchers with motorcycle and squad car units, while a helicopter unit watched from the air.

It was a sight to see, particularly in light of the fact that nearly ten uniformed off-duty officers could be seen in the ranks with marchers linked arm-in-arm and hand-in-hand.

"I don't but I've been told!" "UNITY AND PEACE IS GOLD! Am I right or wrong? YOU'RE RIGHT!" This march (See Rally, Page 13)



RESIDENTS JOINED COMMUNITY LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN "UNITY MARCH." Photo by Bill Lee

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AUTHOR HENRY LOUIS GATES' SPEECH AT UNLV RESCHEDULED

Appearances at UNLV by author Henry Louis Gates have been postponed until May 3.

Gates, author of such books as "Loose Cannons: Notes on the Culture Wars" and "The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism," originally had been scheduled to speak April 1 and 2.

Gates postponed his speaking engagements because of a scheduling conflict related to his being chosen to receive a national award, said Christopher Hudgins, chairman of UNLV's English department.

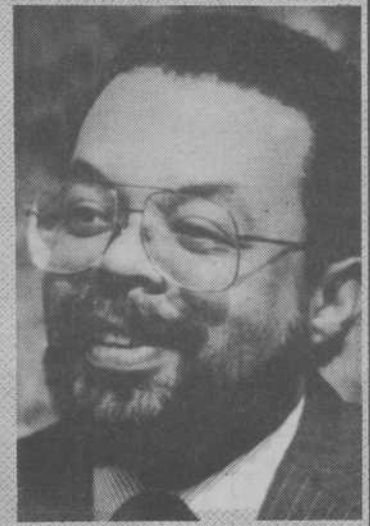
The new schedule calls for Gates to speak at UNLV twice on May 3.

The main event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Hendrix Education Auditorium when he will speak on the topic "Beyond the Culture Wars."

Earlier in the day he will meet with students and faculty for an informal discussion session. That is set for 2:30 p.m. in Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Room 242.

Both the lecture and the informal discussion are free and open to the public.

Gates, the W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Humanities at Harvard Univer-



HENRY LOUIS GATES

sity, is considered by many to be the foremost scholar of African-American literature in the United States, Hudgins said.

His appearance at UNLV is part of the University Forum lecture series. That series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and underwritten by the UNLV Foundation. Gates' talks at UNLV are being co-sponsored by the English department.

For additional info, contact the English department at 895-3533.

BLACK JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE UNDERWAY

The National Association of Black Journalists' (NABJ) 1993 Western Regional Conference is currently taking place thru Sunday, April 25, 1993, at Bally's Resort Casino.

The 1993 Western Regional Conference comes one year after the riots sparked by the Rodney King verdict in Los Angeles. Though two of the officers accused have been found guilty, we are still confronted by this troubling issue and our shared concern about it's volatility. The conference is envisioned as an opportunity to examine the roles and responsibilities of broadcast and print media in coverage of issues critical to the healing process. To fulfill this goal, the NABJ has invited key representatives from the media, corporate, civic and private sectors, and elected officials (local, regional and national) to join us. The response has been overwhelmingly favorable.

The Conference's theme celebrates the role of the "Griot" (the ancestral African tribe historian) and the "Drum" (historically important communication medium) in the history and cultural heritage of African-Americans. Today's African-American journalist are in es-

sence the "Griots" in their communities and play a key role in the accurate depiction of the African-American a people and as a culture.

Registration for the Conference will begin on Thursday, April 22 from 4:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. in Bally's Casino Resort's Garland Ballroom, and will continue on Friday, April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Journalists from fifteen Western states expected to be in attendance.

The Conference is being highlighted by the presence of two highly honored individuals. Police Chief Willie Williams, who oversees the operations of the largest, most visible arm of Los Angeles' municipal government-nearly 10,000 sworn police and civilian personnel, is the scheduled guest speaker for the conference's Newsmaker's Luncheon, which will be held at noon on Friday, April 23, in Bally's Garland Ballroom.

In addition to his speaking duties at the luncheon Friday, Chief Williams will

also be present for the ISSUES AND ANSWERS panel at 9:30 a.m. on "A YEAR AFTER THE RIOTS- WHAT NOW?" That panel will consist of Mayor Jan Jones, City of Las Vegas, Kirk McCoy of the L.A. Times; Gene Hale, G&E Corporation, Gardena, CA; Carla Rivera, L.A. Times; Lt. Cliff Davis, Metropolitan Police Department; and Linda Williams, L.A. Times. The moderator will be Andrea Ford, also of the L.A. Times. Then on Saturday, April 24, at the conference's "Gala Awards Presentation Dinner and Dance", the keynote speaker will be Debra L. Lee, executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Black Entertainment Television (BET) and publisher of YSB magazine.

The Gala Awards Dinner will be held in Bally's Metro Ballrooms 5&6, beginning with no-host cocktails at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 8:00, and dancing at 9:30.

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