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SENTINEL-VOICE HOSTS "STRIVIN' 2 STAY IN SCHOOL '93"

Sentinel-Voice Publisher Lee Brown (L) hands newspapers to Charlotte Hornet and former UNLV star Sidney Green (C) and UNLV Head Basketball Coach Rollie Massimino (R) which were autographed for local youth at the Boys and Girls Club A.D. Guy Unit Monday, during 'STRIVIN' TO STAY IN SCHOOL '93' festivities.



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COMMUNITY RALLIES AROUND BLACK COLLEGES

By Bonita Armstrong

"I was one of those who had the odds stacked against me. I was raised in the projects ... but I never sat on my porch having project dreams," Lawrence Weekly told a crowd of about 100 during the First Black College Attendees Luncheon, Saturday, August 7 at Frank Hawkins Sports Lounge.

Weekly was the keynote speaker at

the luncheon and fund-raiser. The goal of the event was to raise financial support for local college students who are attending or plan to attend black colleges or universities.

The fund-raiser luncheon was the brainchild of Assemblymen Wendell P. Williams. Williams said that the students would keep 90 percent of the funds they raise for the luncheon to help

with their college education.

Weekly, a graduate of Grambling State University in Grambling, La., told the audience that students get a sense of care and concern when attending a

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LVCVA DISCUSSES PARITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT AT RECENT MEETING

By Muhammad Abdullah

On Tuesday, August 10, 1993, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) held its regular board meeting. One of the major agenda items among eighteen items up for discussion and review was Item Number 12.

This item was entitled "Discussion and Possible Action on Procurement and Contracting Procedures." Jan Laverty Jones, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, and Board member, had sent an official letter to Manny Cortez, Executive Director LVCVA on July 22, 1993 urging a serious evaluation of contracting and procurement policies and equal representation of all contracts and vendors. The letter made specific references to minority and women owned businesses.

Mayor Jones closed her brief letter by requesting that the issue be placed on the August 10 meeting agenda to allow for review, discussion and possible action on procurement and con-

tracting procedures. She further requested a 12 month analysis of "those businesses holding contracts and providing services to LVCVA."

The irony of this meeting is that it comes on the heels of a LVCVA roundtable discussion at R&R Advertising with many African American community leaders concerning the exclusion of minorities in nationwide advertisement blitzes.

Mayor Jones asked what steps were being taken to make contract procurement procedures "race neutral." Other concerns were: were local publications such as EL MUNDO and SENTINEL-VOICE being utilized; bonding requirements and aggressive campaigns to educate minority and women-owned firms about how to secure government contracts - she reiterated that many minority-owned firms don't know what the procurement procedures are and therefore make no attempt to secure those

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SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL-VOICE

**PROVOCATION:
THE NEW DEFENSE FOR POLICE BRUTALITY**

By Dennis Schatzman, Staff Writer,
Los Angeles Sentinel

Thanks to a federal judge's wrist-slapping sentence given to two officers held responsible for the major-league beating inflicted upon Rodney King in a parking lot March 3, 1991, African Americans in the southland and across the nation now have a new code word to deal with: *provocation*.

U.S. Federal District judge John G. Davies reduced what would have been a mandatory 6-8 year sentence for former Los Angeles Police Department officers (Sgt.) Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell to just 2 and 1/2 years each because in the judge's estimation the first 52 of the 58 blows-or the blows struck in the first 67 seconds of the famous video tape-that struck King in the face, arms and torso were "objectively reasonable" because the motorist "provoked" the beating by his "reactionary conduct."

Fifteen or more state and local law

enforcement officers surrounded King when he was apprehended following a car chase that ended in Lake-wood Terrace. But four of the officers, however, felt provoked enough to bludgeon King with nearly 60 blows with metal batons and numerous kicks, breaking bones, damaging eye sockets and creating outstanding bruises and contusions.

The federal judge, saying the men posed no threat to society and had no previous criminal records, allowed Koon and Powell to remain free until Sept. 27 when they begin serving the prison terms.

Davies, a native Australian, first announced from the bench that based



on mandatory federal guidelines, Koon and Powell would have to serve between 70 and 87 months in a federal correctional facility.

But the judge reduced the sentences and imposed no fines or demanded restitution for King after hearing arguments from defense attorneys, that the defendants were perceived to be racists and would be targets for abuse in prison, has lost their jobs, and would continue to suffer for the rest of their lives.

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MENTORING PROGRAM SPONSORED BY LINKS, INC.

The Links, Incorporated Las Vegas chapter sponsored a mentoring program with sixth grade students attending Madison Sixth Grade Center and Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade

center.

The program started October 1992. The culmination activity was an awards luncheon (June 12, 1993) held

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Las Vegas Chapter LINKS, Inc. 1993 mentors and sixth grade students.