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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

BRASS NAMED TO WARD 3 SEAT AMID CONTROVERSY

By Victor S. Ingram

After weeks of speculation, the Las Vegas City Council finally decided on a replacement for outgoing Councilman Bob Nolan. The Council announced on Tuesday, Oct 19 that Ken Brass would succeed Nolan in the Ward 3 seat. Nolan, who leaves the Council to assume the Las Vegas Constable's position, has been criticized for not lobbying to have a Hispanic appointed to the position. Brass, a district manager for First Interstate Bank, assumes the position amid a storm of controversy.

With the appointment, Brass joins Councilman Frank Hawkins as the second African American on the Council.

For weeks Council chambers were crowded with supporters who wanted a Hispanic appointed to the vacancy. When Mayor Jan Laverty Jones announced Brass' appointment, several members of the audience had to be escorted out of the chamber. Some yelled, "Set-up, Done Deal, Fixed, and Dirty Politics." Hispanic media was bombarded with questions about Brass'



Despite discontent within the Hispanic community, FIB's Ken Brass will fill the vacant Ward 3 seat on the city council.

Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice appointment. Some Hispanics said they were promised the seat and subsequently betrayed by the Council.

Other prominent Hispanic individuals who had lobbied for the position were Harold Giron, and Chrispin M. Rivera. Both had made appeals to the Council for consideration, with Rivera (See Ken Brass, Page 5)

NEW NAACP HEAD TO BE HONORED

New York — The Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., newly-appointed executive director and chief executive officer of the National As-



Benjamin Chavis

Justice Awards Dinner to be held Oct. 22 in Washington, D.C.

The black tie dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., in Washington, D.C.

Other recipients of national racial justice medals will be Charlayne Hunter-Gault, a national correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour and Kenyon (See Chavis, Page 11)

STUDENT GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET POET MAYA ANGELOU



Maya Angelou (L) took time out to take photo with Sheree Edwards, a student from the "ESP" tutorial program

Sheree Edwards, a star student from the "ESP" (Educational Success Through Partnership) Tutorial Program at the Herbert Gerson Community Center and a 4th grader at Rose Warren Elementary School, enjoyed a "gala evening" with Maya Angelou at the Las Vegas Hilton Saturday, Oct. 16.

Las Vegas by Sheree Edwards and she recited parts of Maya Angelou's poem "On The Pulse Of The Morning" that Maya gave during the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Sheree, who was accompanied by her mother Lavonne and "ESP" Board members, also was greeted by the many politicians and dignitaries pres-

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DENNY TRIAL ENDS WITH ACQUITTALS

By Victor S. Ingram

There was a quiet calm in Los Angeles yesterday when final decisions in the Reginald Denny beating trial were rendered. The case, which by some analyst's assessment bordered on a mistrial, received world wide media exposure due its direct correlation to the 1992 Rodney King trial in which four white police officers were acquitted for the beating of the Black motorist. The aftermath of the decision resulted in mass rioting. The Denny trial was put in a test category by some to determine inequality within the legal system towards Blacks. The defendants were charged with a myriad of charges from aggravated and felonious assault to attempted murder. The charges stemmed from their participation in a video taped beating of Reginald Denny during the riots.

The explosive video received nearly as much play as the infamous Rodney King beating video with both videos detailing senseless brutality, and both being the staple of the

prosecution's case against the defendants. Each trial carried racially charged overtones. The trials fragmented Los Angeles and kept the nation in anticipation. Jurors looked exhausted as the six-week process ended on Wednesday. With several original members of the jury being dismissed or resigning, only 7 original members remained.

The prosecution's case was hampered when Denny took the stand and could not remember critical details of the beating. Denny, who suffered life threatening head injuries as a result of the beating, assumed a forgiving posture towards his attackers-at one time hugging the mothers of the defendants in court.

The defendants, Damian Williams, 20, and Henry Watson, 29, were found guilty on several minor charges on Monday, yet the jury failed to reach a consensus on the most serious charges of attempted murder against Williams and deadlocked on an assault count against Watson. The (See Denny Trial, Page 21)

NBCC HOLDS 10TH ANNUAL BANQUET

On Saturday, Oct. 2, 1993 the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce held its 10th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet and Ball at the Palace Station Hotel.

Prior to the banquet, the elegantly attired three hundred plus guests and members joined in a fruit and cheese cocktail reception followed by a scrumptious dinner of shrimp cocktail, salad, filet minion, twice baked potato, vegetables and an elegant dessert.

The ambience for this exquisite evening was set with decorations of black and white balloon arrangements by Linda Bowie owner of Really Special Events. Dinner music was provided by Daryl Roberts.

Guiding the program as mistress of ceremonies was the charming Ms. Patricia Morse Jarman. Rev. Dr. Reginald Kamara gave the invocation. Presentation of Colors of the Negro National Anthem was sung by Aretha Glover, Johnny Wilburn, Kenny Young and Chris Miller.

Al O'Neal, Chairman of the 1st Annual Career Day Scholarship Committee presented scholarships and plaques to Shani Coleman (UNLV), Tiffany Moore (CCSN), Shanna Rucker



Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce's newly elected vice president, John Edmond (L), and president Ruby Amie Pilot (C) were sworn in by U.S. Senator Richard Bryan

(CCSN), Ebony Samerkand (UNLV), Sherita Saulsberry (UNLV) and Andre Wade (UNLV).

Successful businessman, Mr. Joseph Profit Sr. of Communications International from Atlanta, Ga. delivered the keynote address.

Mrs. Brenda Willaims was honored as Outstanding Board Member of the Year and was presented a plaque from the Chamber and also received a Special Senatorial Recognition from her employer. U.S. Senator Richard Bryan.

Photo by Morgan Photography Eric Jordan presented Brenda with a certificate of special Congressional Recognition on behalf of his employer, U.S. Senator Harry Reid. Zyra Thomas, owner of New York Style Pest Control also received recognition and was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

U.S. Senator Richard Bryan installed Ruby Amie Pilot as President and John Edmonds of Nucleus Plaza Associates as Vice President. Board of Directors installed were: Zanira Al-Amin of UNLV, (See NBCC, Page 5)