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CANDIDATES RESPOND TO BLACK VOTERS IN BID FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Part 1 in a 3 part series
 By Victor S. Ingram

The Clark County Sheriff's office has become the most coveted elected position of the 1994 election year. Final tally has 23 applicants who successfully filed applications with the county registrars office to compete in the race. Some formidable candidates, some less formidable, all without the luxury of an

incumbent to bear the brunt of their campaign rhetoric. Outgoing sheriff, John Moran, survived over a decade as the county's top officer. Known for his tough stance and no nonsense approach to crime fighting, Moran disdained the media and remained as a virtual recluse within the confines of his City Hall office.

During his seclusion, however, Metro

incurred several embarrassing moments and seemingly distanced itself from the African American community.



PARTICIPATE IN 1994 ELECTION SURVEY
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The Charles Bush affair in 1990 in which three undercover Metro officers illegally entered the home of Charles Bush after his girlfriend had been arrested for a prostitution violation. The officers, claiming they entered in search of children who might be left alone as a result of their mother's arrest, found a startled Charles Bush and placed a lethal choke hold around his neck. Bush was pronounced dead at the scene. The event rallied the black community against the police department, protesting the alleged arbitrary death of Bush, who was African American. The case resulted in the largest civil settlement against Metro in the history of the department. The Sentinel Voice questioned candidates about the Bush incident and other related issues that relate to the African American community. Issues which question a candidate's commitment to minority hiring and representation were presented. Additionally, the candidates were requested to perform a role reversal. "If you were an African American, what would be some of the main issues in the year's sheriff's race?" Most replied minority hiring, unbiased arrests and subsequent prosecution, and, surprising enough, access to the police department.

While 23 assorted candidates have placed their rings in the hat, logistically it would be impossible to give equal justice to all. Accordingly, the Sentinel-Voice has selected 6 candidates which will have their platforms explored. These 6 were chosen chiefly for their early placement in the polls. These platforms will be highlighted in a 3 part series.

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★ NATIONAL NEWS ★

CRITICISM MOUNTS AGAINST ELDERS

As President Clinton tries to maintain his image as a centrist kind of "new Democrat," the drumbeat of criticism against the nation's Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, is mounting.

Critics say that threatens her effectiveness and harms the president's quest to sell his administration's policies to mainstream America.

Last week, 87 Republican members of Congress, enraged by Elder's latest shot at the "un-Christian religious right" during a speech to a gay group, called on Clinton to fire Elders.

Elders, who has said Clinton never asks her to soften her rhetoric, and her aides aren't commenting on the recent rash of criticism. As one of the last remaining top-ranking Arkansans in the administration, Elders has enjoyed Clinton's unstinting public support.

BROWN TAKES BITE OUT OF CRIME WITH COOKIES

James Brown has a new job: cookeez monster. A portion of the proceeds from his James Brown Cookeez will go to his Anti-Violence and Crime Prevention Campaign. The organization raises money for communities hit hard by crime.

Eight types of cookies are being introduced nationally. The Godfather of Soul said Monday in a statement that the venture means "literally that we are taking a bite out of crime."



JOYCELYN ELDERS



JAMES BROWN

NEVADA VOTERS LEAGUE RELEASES CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT LIST

The Nevada Voters League recently released their list of candidates they will be endorsing for office in this year's elections. A derivative of the Las Vegas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Voters League was established to educate and disseminate information to the people of Nevada, to assist them in deciding who to vote for in the primary and general elections.

A nonpartisan political public forum in which all candidates were invited to attend was conducted on June 10th and 11th at the Historical Moulin Rouge.

Each candidate was given 3 minutes to convince the audience and panel that they are the best candidate for the job. The panel questioned each candidate for 3 to 10 minutes with questions supplied from the audience and members of the community.

A profile of each candidate was composed and candidates and voters response provided the Nevada Voters League with the necessary information fundamental to endorse the candidates best suited to perform in the office of pursuit.

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HAWKINS, HARRIS NAMED EXECUTIVES FOR NAACP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER

Las Vegas City Councilman Frank Hawkins and Dora D. Harris have been selected as Director of Center Operations, and Business Development Coordinator, respectively, for the NAACP Community Development Resource Center (CDRC).

Stated to open in late June, the CDRC is a partnership between the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and U.S. Bank of Nevada, and is the

first such center to open in the west. Headquartered in the Las Vegas, the CDRC is designed to promote state-

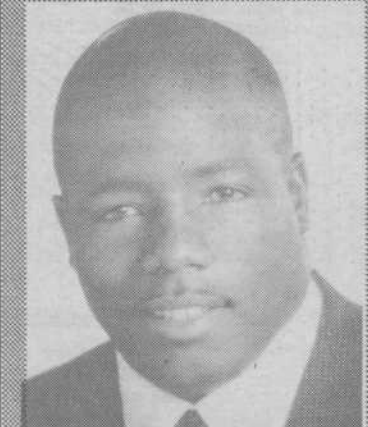


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wide community development lending and to facilitate access to credit within Nevada's low- and moderate-income communities.

"Our primary objectives for this unique community reinvestment program are to provide financial education and advocacy for consumers

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HAWKINS

NNPA presents Black journalism awards in 21 categories BLACK NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS NAME TOP NEWSPAPER, TOP PUBLISHER, TOP NEWS STORY

During its annual Merit Awards ceremonies held at the conclusion of its 54th National Convention in Minneapolis, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), presented its Russwurm Award, for the nation's best black newspaper, to The Sacramento Observer; its Publisher of the Year Award to Robert W. Bogle, publisher of The Philadelphia Tribune; and its Merit Award for Top News Story to Danton Wilson, Executive editor, the Michigan Chronicle.

The Merit Awards, which are judged by a panel comprised of African-American journalist, journalism professors and communications professionals, are presented each year at the NNPA annual convention. The Publisher of the Year Award is selected by a vote of the NNPA's member publishers.

The Russwurm Award is named in honor of John Russwurm, founder and publisher of Freedom's Journal, the nation's first black newspaper, which was founded in 1827. Named



ROBERT BOGLE NAMED PUBLISHER OF THE YEAR

the nation's best black newspaper this year, the Sacramento Observer was established in Sacramento, California, in 1962. The newspaper is published once a week, on Thursdays, and claims a circulation of 49,769 persons.

Bogle, who also serves as NNPA's national president, joined The Philadelphia Tribune in 1973 as advertising director and assumed his current

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