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Dr. Andre Denson, left, joins Reba Labat in celebration of re-elected North Las Vegas Councilman John Rhodes, right, at his campaign headquarters Tuesday.

Goynes loses; Rhodes re-elected

By Damon Hodge
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Tuesday's North Las Vegas municipal elections erased history for one African-American politician and added to another.

Theron Goynes won't be North Las Vegas' first black mayor but John Rhodes will be that city's youngest black two-term city councilman.

"I'm disappointed, but not upset" said Goynes, a 17-year City of North Las Vegas official. Real estate appraiser Mike Montandon finished with 4,209 votes, or 55 percent; Goynes tallied 3,405 votes, or 45 percent.

"I'm not going to roll over and play dead. I'm still going to be politically active."

Had he won, Goynes would have been the city's and state's first black mayor. He said

a Goynes victory would have signaled a new era in city and state politics; one that disregards race and focuses on experience, background and contributions. He attributed his loss voter unawareness and apathy. Only 28 percent of the residents voted; 7,614 people cast ballots in the mayoral contest; 12,505 voted in the race for the 4-year council seats.

"I'm very disappointed Theron Goynes lost," Rhodes said. "I want to thank him for being a good mentor. He was very good for the city."

Apparently NLV residents believed the same about Rhodes.

"I believe this (re-election) is an affirmation that the people (of North Las Vegas) believe in me as a person and as their representative," said Rhodes, who will serve

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A LAS VEGAS HERO

Hawkins rushes into college Hall of Fame

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Frank Hawkins thrives on bucking stereotypes.

"He was never the biggest or the fastest, he was just the best," said Nevada-Reno Athletic Director Chris Ault, Hawkins college football coach.

"He didn't fit the prototype of an NFL player," said former Oakland Raider teammate David Humm. "But he was an incredible player and an even better friend. He's my idol."

He is also a Hall of Famer.

On Aug. 15-16, the former Las Vegas City Councilman and Western High graduate will join 12 others in South Bend, Ind., during enshrinement ceremonies for The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

"It's a great honor for my entire family," said Hawkins, 37, director of the local NAACP Community Resource Development Center. "This

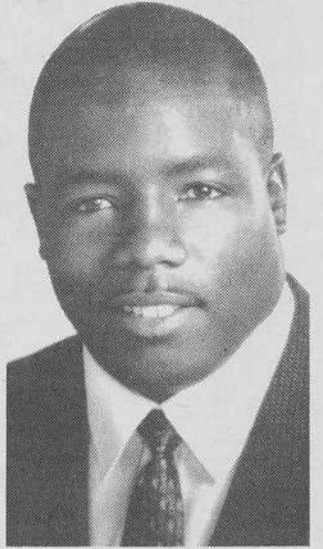
award is the icing on the cake."

A three-time first-team UNR All-American, the Las Vegas native rushed for 5,333 yards in college, third behind Tony Dorsett of Pittsburgh and Charles White of Southern California. He was the starting Raider fullback for seven years, including the 1983 Super Bowl title team. Presently, there are 619 players and 122 coaches in the Hall.

He credited a family that traveled to his collegiate and professional games, as well as coaches, friends, principals, teachers and mentors for his success. He reserved the highest praise for his mother, Daisy Lee Miller.

"When I was 12, she took me and my buddies to Brinley Junior High School to sign up for Pop Warner football," he said. "After my first game, I knew I wanted to be a professional football player."

Miller hoped Frank would be pounding baseballs instead



HAWKINS

of linebackers.

"Prior to playing football, he played baseball," said Miller, assistant principal at Del H. Robison Middle School. "He was an excellent baseball player and I thought he would play that sport. I wasn't too

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said when Betty Shabazz is stable enough that they will start replacing her badly burned skin with skin grafts and artificial skin.

The fire began around 1:40 a.m. Sunday morning in a back hallway at Shabazz's Parkview Avenue apartment building, New York police said. The fire caught hold of the 61-year-old college administrator as she tried dousing the flames. She remains in critical condition at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx.

Authorities believe Malcolm Shabazz, who lives in San Antonio, set the blaze to vent his frustration over having to live with his grandmother. His arraignment was Monday in Yonkers.

Earlier Wednesday, Susan Muller of the Jacobi Medical Center indicated that Betty Shabazz was responding well to a skin graft surgery performed late Wednesday. "Should her condition remain stable throughout (Wednesday) night and into the



BETTY SHABAZZ

morning, the doctor plans to do a second surgical procedure Thursday afternoon," said hospital spokeswoman Muller.

Shabazz is no stranger to adversity. She lost her husband, Malcolm X, to a hail of assassins' bullets in 1965 in New York.

In 1995, her daughter,

Qubilah, was indicted for plotting to murder Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Qubilah is Malcolm Shabazz's mother.

Detroit-born, Betty Shabazz is a longtime community leader. In addition to her administrative duties at Medgar Evers College, she is involved with the following organizations: African American Foundation, Women's Service League, Sickle Cell Telethon, National Housewives League, New York Amsterdam News, Day Care Council of Westchester County and numerous other organizations.

Recognizing the danger Shabazz is in, friends have held numerous prayer vigils and visited the hospital.

Other well-wishers have included President Bill Clinton, who sent a fax on Monday and boxer Mike Tyson, who called on Sunday.

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