

# Media

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 stories of Gates overplayed? How should management respond when staff complains that a news story is racist? Is it unprofessional for journalists or journalist organizations to criticize news coverage?

"I think the broader picture would be achieved if there is input from the community," the Rev. Jesse Scott said after the two-hour meeting which allotted 15 minutes for public comment at the end. Scott was upset that the public was virtually shut out of the discussion. "This is like the preacher talking to the choir."

Hart was visibly upset with what she says was unfair coverage of Gates' violations. She pulled out piles of news stories about Gates, former county treasurer Mark Aston, former Las Vegas Mayor Ron Lurie, former City Councilman Frank Hawkins and Ashley Hall. Gates' stack was the biggest by far. Hart said she found several stories containing information that wasn't attributed to any source.

Greene and Ralston said Gates' troubles received substantial press but said it wasn't racially motivated.

"We (the media) have a responsibility to find out what is going on with one of the most powerful political



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*Las Vegas Review-Journal columnist and public television talk show host Barbara Robinson argues a point while fellow panelist Thomas Mitchell, Review-Journal editor, listens.*

people in the state," Greene said. "You can't say that Yvonne was treated unfairly because of her race. That's comparing apples to oranges."

Ralston chimed in: "The facts in this case, the facts — not the opinion, not the allegations — the facts, came out," Ralston said. "No one has been found to have broken eight ethics laws in one year. Nobody."

Several times during the meeting, panelists interrupted each other and called each other names. Hart contends stories and columns convicted Gates in the press even before the Ethics Commission could hand down its ruling.

Robinson blasted the Ethics Commission as inefficient and

controlled by chairwoman Mary Boetsch and said Gates was overly scrutinized. According to the National Association of Black Journalists, Robinson said, Black officials are increasingly the targets of smear campaigns nationwide.

"If you cover too little of a story you're considered soft and flat. If you cover too much of a story you're considered hard and unfair," Thompson said. "What do you do?"

"We took a hard hit in both incidents," Savoy said. "We have to go for the facts or the public won't trust us."

On hand for the forum was Michael Chambliss, the political consultant on an alleged list of people favored

by commissioners for concessions. Chambliss chided Green, who wrote many of the Gates stories, for misrepresenting what a disadvantaged business enterprise is.

"The bank will not give you a loan if you are poor," Chambliss said. "To mis-categorize this is to commit a travesty."

It takes money and expertise to run and receive a concession stand at the airport, Chambliss said.

"I had those," he said. "The only thing the DBE program did for me was give me an opportunity to compete," Chambliss said, "an opportunity that has been denied historically."

# Strohmeyer

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the computer was seized as evidence. The computer was not one of the items the search warrant said could be taken.

The Clark County district attorney's office appealed Chairez's ruling to the Nevada Supreme Court.

The prevailing justices said that despite no mention in the affidavit supporting the seizure of the computer, the listing of the computer in the search warrant itself was sufficiently specific and "the District Court erred in suppressing the evidence."

Chief Justice Charles Springer and Justice Robert Rose dissented. Since it took two months of searching through the computer, Rose warned that any evidence found might put a conviction at risk.

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**MICROWAVE SPECTRUM ANALYZER**  
 SCOPE OF WORK: THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS FOR A MICROWAVE SPECTRUM ANALYZER MANUFACTURED BY HEWLETT PACKARD, TO BE DELIVERED, F.O.B. DESTINATION, PUBLIC WORKS, LVACTS, LAS VEGAS, NV.  
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 Any questions regarding this solicitation should be referred to Lloyd E. Davis at (702) 229-6231.  
 Prospective bidders are hereby notified that this Invitation to Bid and all related bidding documents will be made available on a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) or in an alternate format (audio or Braille) upon request to the Purchasing and Contracts Division, Telephone Number (702) 229-6231 or (702) 386-9108 (TDD).  
 FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION OF FUTURE FORMAL BIDS AND QUOTATIONS, CALL THE BID HOTLINE AT 383-0889 OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.ci.las-vegas.nv.us/bids.html.  
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**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**  
**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION TO BID**  
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 A Prebid Conference will be held on August 13, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., at the same address specified above in the Gold Conference Room.  
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# Russell

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an acting class with her father. She was bit by the acting bug in 1994. Her enthusiasm for scripted monologues led to her first one-woman performance, a recitation of Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" speech.

Russell began studying psychology at UNLV in 1996 and intended to pursue a master's degree in the subject before yielding to her passion for theater. In her spare time, she wrote four plays, including "Tuskegee Love Letters," a one-act play based on letters from her mother and father from 1942 to 1956.

The play depicts the trials and triumphs of a young pilot and his family battling a segregated military in the segregated South.

Recently, Russell produced a two-day Black History Month celebration for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, which featured entertainment and education. She also played the lead role of Amy, an African-American woman married to a Jewish man, in the hit play "Some of my Best Friends are Jewish Husbands" and in its sequel, "The Wonderful World of Nicholaus Morgenstern I."

Next year will prove similarly busy.

Russell plans to produce an opera, a jazz concert and a lecture series on women's history. She will continue her work in the county library's performance program "Remembering the Truths," which she initiated in 1997 with stagings of "Sojourner Truth: I Sell the Shadow" and "Tuskegee Love Letters."

Russell has a legion of admirers.

"Kim is an advocate who works for women's and children's issues," said NOW's Amy Midell. "She also has an eye to honoring the history of women. She has fun, and she's always looking to help people."

Russell will receive her equality award plaque on Saturday, Aug. 29 as part of the organization's fourth annual Women's Equality Day fund-raiser at Moonstruck Gallery, 6322 W. Sahara Ave at Torrey Pines. The fund-raiser lasts from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Russell will perform "A Portrait of Sojourner Truth" at the celebration. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Those interested can call 598-2675.

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**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY**  
**EOB BOARD SEAT OPEN**  
 The Economic Opportunity Board is accepting applications from Businesses and Organizations interested in a seat on its Board of Directors. Applications will be received until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 1998. To request an application form and/or further information, contact EOB Administration at 647-2010.  
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**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY**  
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 The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County is recruiting for Home Visitors for the Child & Family Services Division, Early Head Start Program. This position conducts weekly home visits, and two (2) group socialization's per month, maintaining a client caseload of ten (10) Early Head Start Families. Must have a High School Diploma, or G.E.D. Equivalent, two years experience working with infants and toddlers, and able to complete infant/toddler CDA requirements within the first year of employment. Must be able to procure child care/food handler card from the Clark County Health Department, and a child care work permit (Sheriff's Card — FBI fingerprint check). Eight (8) positions available, full time, at Starting Salary of \$18,099 Annual DOQ with full benefits. Bi-Lingual (English/Spanish) preferred.  
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