

that she violated two ethics laws by inquiring about leasing space for her frozen daiquiri stores in casinos and an investigation into the alleged awarding of airport concessions to friends, Gates was the subject of a failed recall effort by the group, "Citizens for Honest and Responsible Government." Despite the rulings, however,

state history.

Coincidentally, Hinson was a 1998 Rose Award recipient for business/economic achievement. Also honored at the 13th annual ceremony, hosted by the Professional Black Woman's Alliance, were: Lynette Boggs-McDonald, Dee Hicks, Diana Lynn Byrd, Linda Gipson, Janis Carter, France Holland

office. Chapter president James Rogers and other branch officers were relieved of all duties, as the chapter fell under the leadership of Edward Lewis, president of the group's Tri-State Conference. After nearly two years of turmoil, nominations were held to elect a new set of officers and 24 executive board members earlier



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no fines were levied or sanctions handed down, as the commission ruled that Gates did not willfully break ethics laws. A second recall effort was staged by the group later in the year.

A recall effort was also waged against North Las Vegas City Councilwoman Paula Brown after methamphetamine found in labs throughout the city, were traced back to two businesses owned by Brown's husband, James. The embattled councilwoman dismissed all accusations as "unfounded."

By a 4-1 vote in July, the North Las Vegas City Council ruled not to renew Linda Hinson's contract, ending her tenure as North Las Vegas City Manager. At 49, Hinson was the first woman and first African American city manager in



Eldorado High School student Victoria Franklin became the first Nevadan to make it to the finals of the Miss Teen USA National Championship.

and Joyce Eatman Jones.

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Also in December, the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression demanded a



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Clark County Fire Chief Earl Green congratulated Sandra Redding for becoming the state's first black woman promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal.



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"complete and unconditional pardon" for Reginald Hayes released from prison after 14 years for a murder he contends he had no involvement in.

In what many consider one of the more touching stories over the past two years, was that of the murder of seven-year-old Sherrice Iverson. The saga came to an end in September when Jeremy Strohmeyer, 19, pleaded guilty to her murder and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Many events in the world of sports stood out in 1998, particularly the heroics of Michael Jordan in the NBA Finals in June, and Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa chasing, and breaking, the homerun mark set by Roger Maris. Another sports headline dominating the news was the proposed return to the ring of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson. After receiving good news



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in the form of a psychotherapists' report from Massachusetts General Hospital, the Nevada State Athletic Commission voted 4-1 to return the boxing license it revoked when he bit Evander Holyfield's ears a year-and-a-half ago. His first bout has been scheduled for mid-January.

1998 was also a year of great loss as several local and national figures were laid to rest. Among them were former Los Angeles

Mayor Tom Bradley; Kwame Ture (formerly known as Stokely Carmichael); actress Esther Roll; comedian "Flip" Wilson; and track star Florence Griffith Joyner, who was more affectionately known as "Flo Jo."

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