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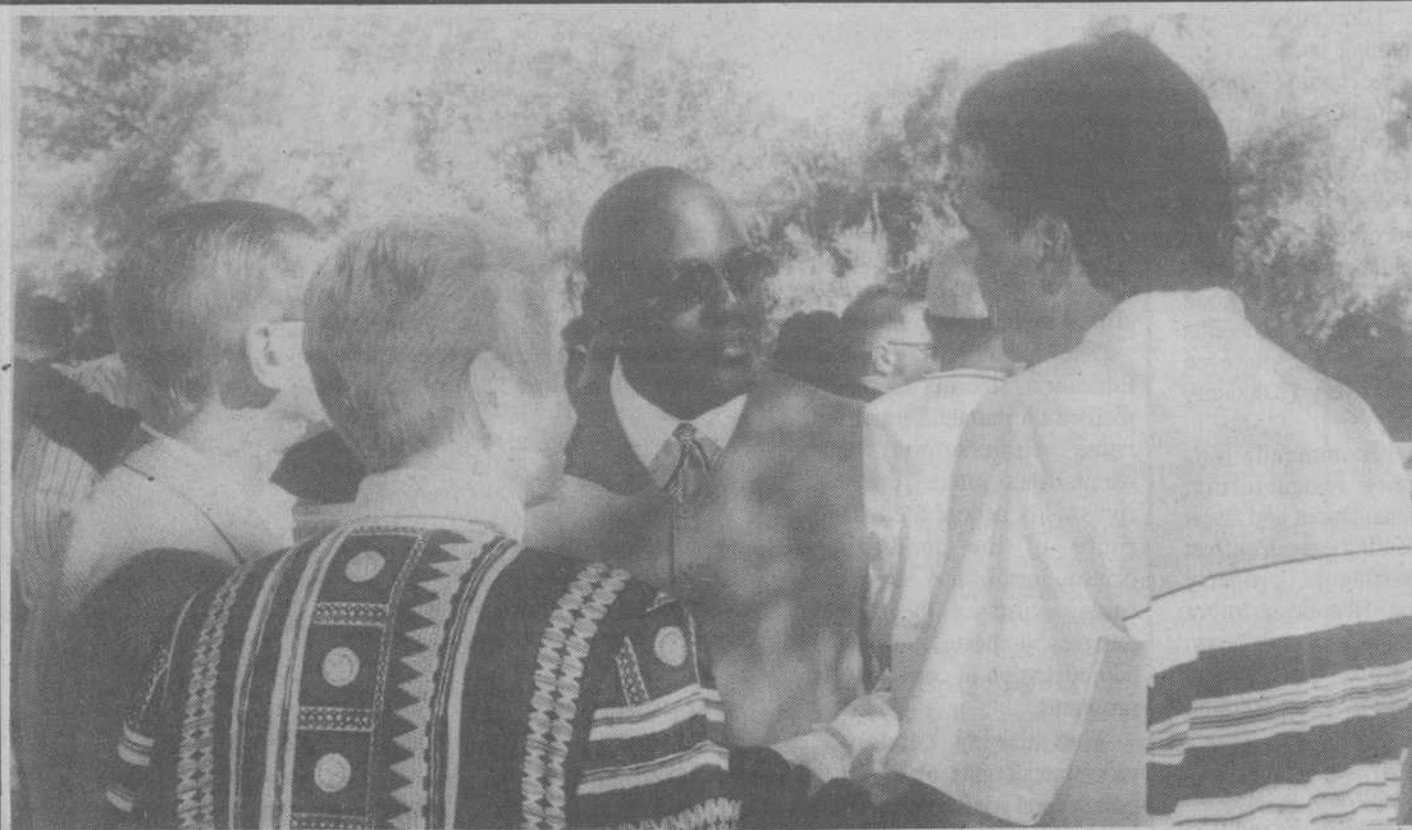
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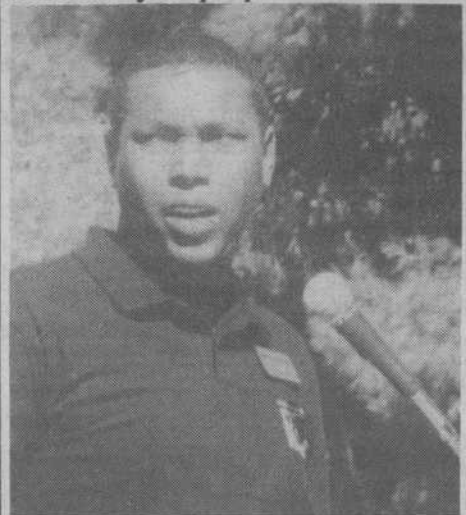
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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy  
 State Assemblyman Wendell Williams chats with attendants during a recent protest to stop alleged police misconduct at UNLV. Williams also chided UNLV administrators for failing to provide the legislature with campus crime statistics. Below, Leroy Hudson tells a tale of campus police abuse to students and administrators.



## UNLV police accused of abuse

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Concerned citizens joined UNLV students and staff in a Monday protest against alleged misconduct by university police.

The protesters accused campus police of intimidation, abuse and committing unlawful arrests.

"I don't have a problem with it (protest)," said UNLV Sgt. Don Drake, a 19-year veteran of the force. "I don't feel the content is accurate. ... I don't believe the stories I'm hearing are true."

Organizers in a letter to UNLV President Carol Harter demanded administrative reforms. More than 250 attended the event.

Demands of Students Against Campus Police Misconduct (SACPM) included the creation of an Oversight Committee separate from UNLV Administration to hear and track instances of police misconduct, an expanded police advisory committee to include students as well as victims, public scrutiny to all police records to find police bias against minorities, (See Abuse, Page 2)

## Tyson still dogged by controversy

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 Special to Sentinel-Voice

Perhaps the more than 12,000 spectators in the MGM Grand Garden came to see Mike Tyson display his wares against a seemingly overmatched Orlin Norris or maybe some realized whenever the two-time heavyweight champion fights there has been something happening out of the ordinary.

No matter, for whatever reason, neither group was disappointed.

Tyson, in the brief 180 seconds, traded punches and strategy with Norris and looked sharp doing so, moving forward and throwing bombs with each

hand.

In talking to the press earlier in the week, Iron Mike was back to the form that made him a champion before he ran into a number of roadblocks that kept him out of the ring.

Nearing the end of the first round, with the two fighters in close quarters, Tyson struck Norris after the bell and knocked him to the canvas. The shot set off a weird set of circumstances that led to a no-contest ruling that ended the bout.

After receiving instructions from referee Richard Steele, who has been in a number of controversial bouts, the two (See Tyson, Page 9)



Sentinel-Voice photo by Jonathan Olsen  
 Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson backs Orlin Norris into the ropes during the first round of Saturday's bout at the MGM Grand Garden. The bout was ruled no-contest after a Tyson blow after the bell caused Norris to fall and twist his knee.

## Wards' issue controversial

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The North Las Vegas City Council at a Monday community forum unveiled its new wards. Citizens balked at the plan, claiming it doesn't support growth in Wards 1 and 2 and disses older neighborhoods.

Former Wisconsin judge Frederick Kessler drew the new boundaries. He completed similar work for the City of Las Vegas.

"The proposed ward plan for the City of North Las Vegas complies with legislative mandates," said Kessler, referring to Assembly Bill 590, mandated reapportionment. "To create four equal wards should significantly assist the Council in serving their constituents equitably."

Kessler used July 1 population estimates and precinct ratios for election returns for the two most city council races to draw the new boundaries. Each proposed district will have an average population of 28,572 residents with the largest district having 28,765 and the smallest having 28,426.

"It's overdue, it's coming (and) it's a factor that we are going to have to face," former North Las Vegas City Council and mayoral candidate Theron Goynes said. "We're not the sister city or little town anymore — we're on the move."

Wards 1 and 2 are designated as the minority wards, while wards 3 and 4 are the majority wards. Ward 1 is 27.1 percent Hispanic, 26.6 percent African American and 42.7 percent Caucasian.

Ward 2 is 49.8 percent African-American, 10.8 percent Hispanic, 2.7 percent other (Asian and Native American) and 36.7 percent Caucasian. Wards 3 and 4 are 80 percent Caucasian.

Citizens were upset with Kessler's plan and criticized him for not having any alternative plans.

"I didn't have anything to compare it (Kessler's ward map) to," Joyce Thomas said. "He came and brought a proposal but brought us nothing to compare it with ... either accept it or reject it ... I don't think that's fair."

Others took issue with the at-large election process modeled after the Henderson City Council. They argued that such a plan favors council incumbents.

"That's their problem," Goynes said. "If you want to represent the area you live in you have to go out and campaign for it."

"It doesn't make sense to have the ward representative run at large in the city," Thomas said. "The best person for the ward may not be able to afford to run. I don't know why it works for Henderson."

The council will meet and vote on the new wards on Dec. 1. Those interested can call 633-1005 or 633-1174.