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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



The Rev. Jesse Jackson, center, founder of the Rainbow/Push Coalition, is flanked by other clergy and union officials as they block Elm Street on the Yale University campus, in New Haven, Conn., on Monday. Jackson was among 14 striking Yale workers and their supporters arrested this morning after blocking the traffic.

Jackson jailed in Yale protest

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - The Rev. Jesse Jackson and 13 other people were arrested Monday after they blocked traffic on the Yale University campus in support of striking university service and clerical workers.

Jackson led more than 1,000 people on a Labor Day march and rally in support of the striking workers before he was arrested.

"This is the site of national Labor Day outrage," Jackson said. "This is going to be for economic justice what Selma was for the right to vote."

The march ended in a rally at Yale's Beinecke Plaza and Woodbridge Hall,

which houses university President Richard Levin's office. Police said 1,000 to 1,500 people marched with Jackson, including Connecticut Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, who graduated from Yale, and state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, a Yale Law School graduate.

Jackson and about 30 others then blocked traffic. To the cheers of protesters, Jackson was the first to be handcuffed. The demonstrators were expected to be charged with disorderly conduct.

In Detroit, union members and supporters faced the rainy weather to march down-

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Office of 'Augusta Focus' raided

Warrant sealed, FBI tight-lipped about what it's after

By George E. Curry
Special to Sentinel-Voice

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—The owner of the "Augusta Focus," a Black weekly in Georgia, says a recent raid on his office by state and federal agencies was carried out to diminish his chances of obtaining \$6 million each year for printing the county's legal notices.

The newspaper's owner, former Georgia Senate Majority Leader Charles W. Walker, has been the target of several investigations, none of which have found him guilty of any crimes. He is president and CEO of the Walker Group, which owns the "August Focus," a construction firm and a tempo-

rary employment agency.

"They tried to come after me with my temporary employment services, political influence and all of that and they couldn't come up with anything, and now they're trying this," says Walker, who was defeated earlier this year in his bid to get re-elected after serving 12 years in the state Senate. In 1996, he became the first African-American to be elected majority leader of that body.

Ed Reinhold, supervising agent of the FBI's office in Augusta, says the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service, conducted the joint raid of Walker's offices

in Augusta.

"The warrant was sealed and continues to be sealed," Reinhold says. "So, I can't tell you what we were looking for or what we took."

Walker says, "This investigation is being led by the FBI. What kind of federal interest is involved here? None."

Authorities are usually tight-lipped about an investigation at this stage. Generally, if they develop enough evidence to seek criminal charges, they will present it to a grand jury for consideration. If a grand jury agrees, it will issue an indictment that most likely will be made public.

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Preservation office closed

Weekly: Service to clients will not be interrupted

By Albert C. Jones
Sentinel-Voice

With short notice, the city closed the West Las Vegas Preservation Office and notified three employees they were being moved to City Hall.

Elaine Sanchez, senior public information officer for the city, said closing the office at 1052 W. Owens Ave. in the Nucleus Plaza was a cost-cutting move intend to eliminate duplication. The city partly owns Nucleus Plaza.

"Apparently it was done for a number of reasons," Sanchez said. "The whole idea is to eliminate hubs of services. We did a cost analysis and it is more affordable to have one office instead of two. With this move, we will be able to save \$54,000 a year.

Employees in the Preservation Office, who were notified of the closing late in the afternoon on Thursday, Aug. 28, are concerned that services will be interrupted and residents in the West Las Vegas community would be inconvenienced. The three employees reported to City Hall offices on Sept. 2. Those who came earlier this week for services were greeted with



"If they (constituents) have any problems, they can just call me. My concern is that we would not lose any jobs."

— Lawrence Weekly
Ward 5 Councilman

a "closed" sign on the door.

"It was an eclectic office," said Michael Chambliss, "It goes beyond the scope of a normal office. Who will fill this void that will be caused by closing this office in West Las Vegas, we don't know?"

Chambliss, known in the community as the "Mayor of West Las Vegas," is a senior planner in the Department of Neighborhood Services. State Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams is manager of the office. The office was opened by the city of Las Vegas as a response to the Rodney King riots in 1992 in Los Angeles.

"The purpose was to foster better relationships," Chambliss said.

Ward 5 Councilman Lawrence Weekly said the city is "closing stand-alone type offices." The city also closed the Bel Air Neighbor-

hood Outreach, 4124 Pennwood Ave. "I'm not sure when they closed their office," Weekly said.

"I had to give and take," Weekly said. "I couldn't have two or three outreach centers. Do I sacrifice employment of someone? Services will not be interrupted. They can just call me."

From the Preservation Office, Chambliss and Williams helped the Nation of Islam reach accord with Metro Police, who frequently ticketed members for selling *The Final Call* newspaper in intersections in West Las Vegas.

"It took six months to resolve," Chambliss said. "We came up with a policy that everyone could live with. As a result, members of the Nation of Islam can sell their

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ALI HON-OR-EE, ALI HON-OR-EE

Champion boxer Laila Ali (left) and Democratic North Las Vegas Assemblyman Wendell Williams (middle) were among nine people honored during the Urban Chamber of Commerce's 4th Annual Ann Gregory Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament and Community Enrichment Awards Banquet. The banquet took place Aug. 28 at the Venetian hotel-casino. Joining Ali was husband Johnny McClain.