

## Influential new group endorses candidates

*Boggs McDonald, Barlow, Horsford win support from Black activist collective*

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Clark County Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald and Ricki Y. Barlow were among 11 candidates who won endorsements during the first Candidates Day Forum hosted by the Caucus of African-American Nevadans.

Boggs McDonald was appointed to the District F Commission seat earlier this year by Gov. Kenny Guinn after Mark James quit citing family reasons. Boggs McDonald cited a litany of accomplishments during two terms on the Las Vegas City Council, including development of 80 acres on the southwest corner of Lake Mead Blvd.



*"The candidates we endorse, we are going to participate in every facet of their campaigns, including fund raising and going to the polls."*

— Rev. Robert Fowler  
President of CAAN

and Martin Luther King Blvd. The King Station of the U.S. Post Office was built on the site following the so-called Rodney King uprising in 1992.

Barlow, former chair of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District board, has plied his roots in working for two United States Senators in Washington and as liaison

officer for Las Vegas Councilman Lawrence Weekly. He is a Democrat running for State Assembly 1.

The first of three Caucus of African-American Nevadans (CAAN) — sponsored forums was held Saturday, in the sanctuary of Victory Missionary (See CAAN, Page 4)

## Entity bringing electoral process to Nevada voters

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Voters had the "opportunity to meet the candidates before you vote for them" in an event hosted by the Nevada Voters League held last week at the West Las Vegas Library.

The three-hour event attracted 60 people, including 39 candidates. Incumbents and challengers were allowed at least 2 minutes each to present a message and ask for voter support. Speakers included a wide array of candidates for various elective offices. Among them were candidates for state senate; assembly; county commissioner; school board; district court judge; family court judge and state supreme court.

The NVL aims to "increase voter participation" through registration, education and information, according to the Rev. Jesse D. Scott, the group's president. He said NVL's prime objective is to foster "participatory democracy."

Scott said the historically low voter turnout is a problem that needs correcting. Only about 39 percent of eligible voters turnout for elections in Nevada. Scott compared that to the near 100 percent voter turnout in South Africa when Nelson Mandela ran and was elected to office.

"Mandela ran for president and 89 to 99

percent of the (newly eligible voting population) stood in line for three days to vote," Scott pointed out. "We advocate voting," Scott emphasized. "If people get politically active, they can make changes."

The NVL's position is that voters must hold elected officials and office-seekers accountable for what they say before election and what they do after election.

In addition to voting, the NVL encourages citizens to run for political office to "learn about the process," Scott said.

"I won (my first elected position in 1977) by only 12 votes," said county commission candidate Mary Kincaid-Chauncey in her presentation, stressing the importance of each person's vote and taking an active role in community politics.

Several in the audience commented on the benefits of meeting the candidates in person.

"This was a good forum to get (a lot of viewpoints) from a lot of the candidates," said Dr. John Hill, who attended with his wife Renee. "We can get viewpoints before they are in office. They are approachable now, but when they get into office they might not be as approachable," he added. "I am a voter. I now have a better idea of who I'll vote for," Hill said.

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## Taped LAPD beating raises abuse concerns

LOS ANGELES (AP) - City officials vowed Thursday that any officers who broke the law during a videotaped beating of a Black man will lose their jobs and be brought to justice.

"We've worked too hard to build our relationship with the community to have it jeopardized by thoughtless actions of a few," Mayor Jim Hahn said. "I think the test of that community's trust in the Police Department is now. We have to meet that test."

A TV news camera caught the violent arrest, last week from a TV news helicopter, and the beating quickly drew comparisons to the Rodney King case.

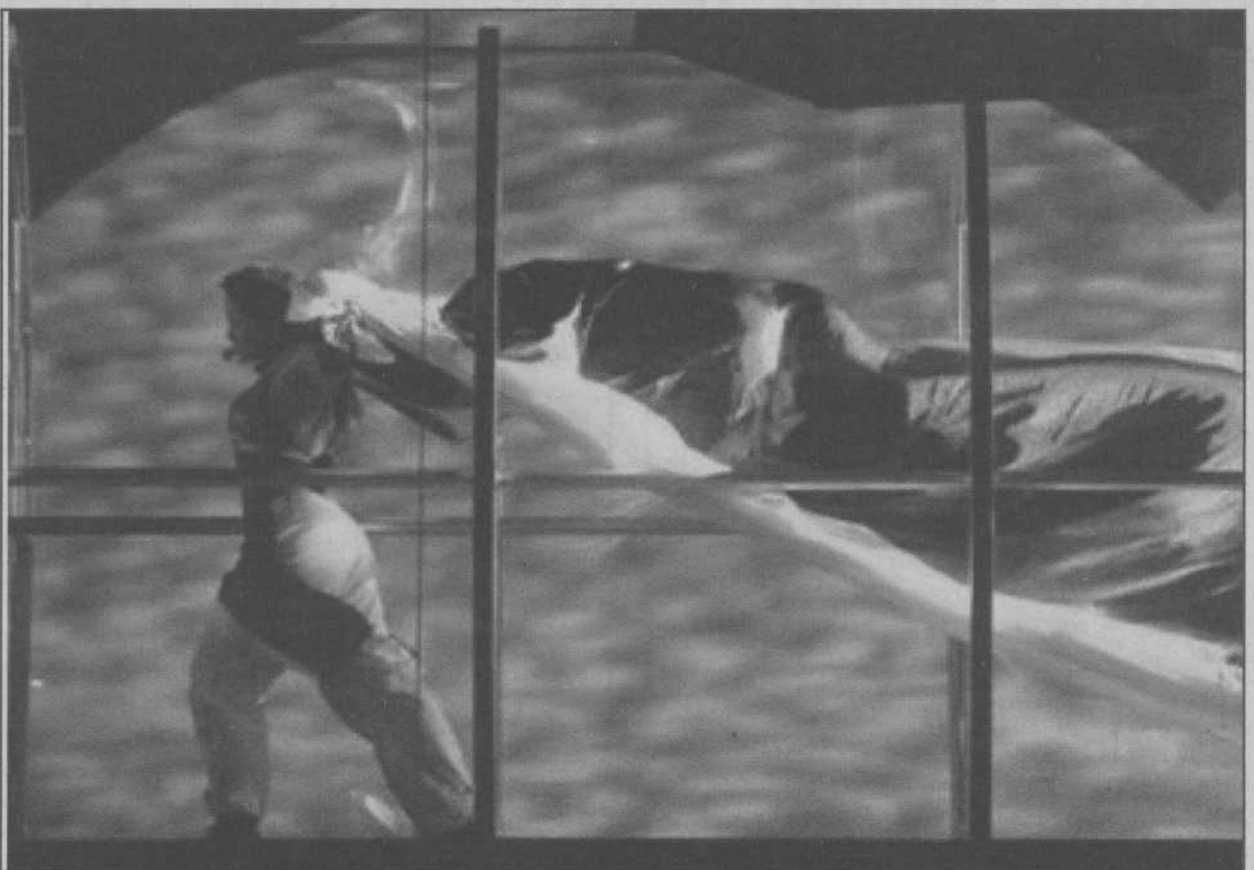
A Hispanic officer was seen repeatedly hitting Stanley Miller at least 10 times with a flashlight after it appeared the man had surrendered following a car chase. Police said Miller, 36, of Compton, was not seriously hurt but complained of being struck in the head and suffering an injury to his nose.

Police Chief William Bratton said John Hatfield, 35, was the officer wielding the metal flashlight. He is a seven-year veteran of the LAPD.

Hatfield is among eight officers pulled from patrol duty and given paid administrative assignments in the wake of the beating, Bratton said.

Although Bratton has said it appears police acted inappropriately in the arrest, the chief also urged the public to withhold judgment until the investigation is complete.

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## JANET, MISS JACKSON IF YOU'RE NASTY

Janet Jackson performs during the Black Entertainment Television Awards in Hollywood on Tuesday. The awards show returned for its fourth year. The inaugural show was held in Las Vegas in 2001. (See Related Story Page 8)