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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Bush expected to strengthen Right

Pundit: President to ignore Blacks

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Having won re-election with little Black political support, President George W. Bush is expected to appoint three or four Right-wing judges to the Supreme Court, a move virtually guaranteed to eventually end the use of affirmative action programs in public institutions, and preside over a second term that will be characterized by cuts in domestic programs to offset the \$1.9 trillion tax cuts over the next decade and a \$422 billion deficit from his first term, political experts and activists predict.

"He won't have any reason to do anything for Black people," explains Ron Walters, a political scientist at the University of Maryland. "There was a massive Black vote against him. However, second terms are interesting because they (incumbents) don't face any competition. He doesn't really have to play games in order to get re-elected, so it's conceivable that he might, although I don't expect that we would, go as far as trying to make any common cause with any centrist parts of the Black community."

Former Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton doesn't think there is a remote likelihood of Bush moving beyond his tight circle of conservative advisers.

"Let's all head to the airport and get out of the country," Sharpton says, facetiously. "I think we are in for some serious times. He will appoint judges to the Supreme Court that I think will try to erode some of the gains we made under the Civil Rights Movement and he clearly will have economic policies that will reward the rich. If there ever was a time that we had to gear up activism and put pressure on Congress like we've never done before, now is the time."

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Boggs McDonald wins county seat

By Lés Pierres Streater
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Surrounded by friends, family, and campaign supporters, County Commissioner Lynette Boggs-McDonald relished the spoils of victory Tuesday night at the Mandalay Bay Resort Hotel and Casino. Boggs-McDonald, a Republican, was running as a first time candidate for the seat she was appointed to in District "F" against Democratic challenger David Goldwater.

Arriving at the hotel around 7:45 p.m., Boggs-McDonald began greeting and embracing people as she awaited the results of the voters to determine if she was able to continue as the representative of District "F." From the first results posted, it was apparent that the eventual victory would not be immediately forthcoming.

This hotly contested campaign featured a host of negative ads by both sides as they vowed to commandeer the will of the voters to their respective points of view and negate the opponents. Each side concentrated on political gamesmanship to influence the voters by using ad messages to discredit the other person.

Commenting on the out-



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Gov. Kenny Guinn, right, congratulates Lynette Boggs McDonald for retaining her Clark County Commission post.

come of the election, Boggs-McDonald stated, "Its exciting to finally have closure to this campaign season. It's been a very grueling summer and fall, and I was very blessed to have been appointed by Gov. Kenny Guinn to this seat, and two weeks later I had to file for office to keep this seat. I've been campaigning nonstop for many many months, stopping to give birth to my daughter along the way, and I had a great team of individuals behind me and just the best volunteers throughout Clark County. Tonight we were able to pull it off and I am very

pleased."

Sharing some insight into the strategy of the negative campaigning, Boggs-McDonald said, "I'm always a big believer that truth wins out at the end of the day, and we ran a very factual campaign. Everything that we ever put out about my opponent had strong documentation. Any citizen independent of me can check it out on their own and verify everything that I was telling them. I think that at the end of the day, it came down to a difference in experience levels, that I have been involved in local government for the last de-

cade. I have been an assistant city manager, a Las Vegas city councilwoman, and now a Clark County commissioner. People know of my record, they know of my work ethic, and they know of my integrity and ethics. So, when my opponent started throwing things around and making these allegations about me, there was a credibility gap because people were aware of my record and what I stand for."

Another issue surrounding her campaign centered around a comment regarding the use of reference to a "plantation" aura when talking about the Democratic Party. Reactions to that comment angered many African-American community leaders and led to Boggs-McDonald meeting with representatives of the community to clarify what she had stated and why.

"Well again, I took the opportunity to speak to the community to give proper context to what I was trying to communicate and that was that you cannot take any one citizen's vote for granted, let alone an entire race of people's vote for granted. And so I believe that I have worked very, very hard earn- (See McDonald, Page 3)



MAN OF THE HOUR

Candidate for the US Senate Barack Obama (left), D-Ill., holds his daughter Sasha beside his wife Michelle and youngest daughter Malia (right) celebrating his victory with supporters over Republican rival Alan Keyes in Chicago.

NAACP stands firm against IRS

By Makebra M. Anderson
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, says it will not be intimidated by an Internal Revenue Service investigation into whether the organization's tax-exempt status should be revoked because Board Chairman Julian Bond repeatedly criticized the Bush administration last summer at the organization's annual convention.

"The NAACP has always been non-partisan," Bond says in an interview with the NNPA News Service. "That doesn't mean we're non-critical, nor does any law or regulation require that we must

be. Only in an Orwellian world would honest disagreement be considered partisan or honest differences called election interference."

(George Orwell is the pen name of British journalist and author Eric Arthur Bair, best known as author of "Animal Farm" and "1984." The latter was so popular that "Orwellian" is now an adjective used to describe totalitarian thought control.)

The NAACP disclosed last week that it is the subject of an IRS inquiry. In a letter, dated Oct. 8, the IRS says Bond's speech last summer in Philadelphia "condemned the administration policies of George W. Bush on education, the economy and the

war in Iraq."

It continues, "We are conducting an examination of your organization. At this time, the focus of our examination is limited to the issue of whether or not your organization has intervened in a political campaign..."

The NAACP could lose its tax-exempt status, which could cripple its fund-raising ability, or face a fine if the IRS determines that it has engaged in improper political activity. The civil rights group has been granted an extension to reply to the IRS's request that it, among other things, provide a listing of all convention-related expenses and the "names and addresses (See NAACP, Page 2)