

# Ex-labor chief to lead state office

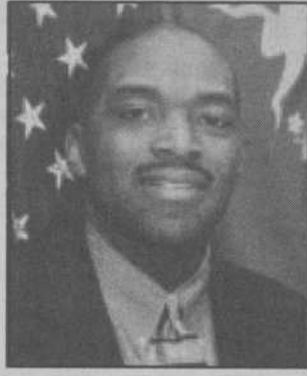
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Terry Johnson, former Labor Commissioner, was recently appointed director of the state's Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation by Governor Kenny Guinn.

As Nevada's DETR director, Johnson oversees five divisions with more than 750 employees. He will head the Employment Security Division, inclusive of the Unemployment Trust Fund with a balance of nearly \$565 million, along with the others: Rehabilitation Division, Nevada Equal Rights Commission, Information Development and Processing Division, and the state's Research and Analysis Bureau.

Johnson said he is committed to keeping his focus on employees.

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want to always make certain that they're treated with fairness in the workplace," Johnson explained.

"It's a new challenge and a large challenge. I'm excited to be running one of the largest departments in the state government," Johnson added.

His new position places him in charge of a combined annual operating budget of over \$150 million. As board chairman of the Public

Employee's Benefits, he was instrumental in bringing the organization out of near financial collapse.

During his time as Nevada's Labor Commissioner, Johnson was credited with reforming various state labor regulations and improving the overall efficiency of the agency.

Johnson said he plans on continuing to work toward equal rights in the work place.

"With regards to the Equal Rights Commission's Rehabilitation Division, I want to make certain that the operation conducts in a fair manner and that they do so in a timely manner," Johnson explained.

Johnson worked extensively with Nevada's contractors and builders as the state's Labor Commissioner. With even more access to the public, he said he looks forward to expanding relationships he has developed in the community.

"It will allow me to continue to cultivate the same relationships with the business community and working families," Johnson explained.

In a news release, Governor Guinn expressed his confidence that Johnson is the ideal candidate to fill the complex position.

"The state is fortunate to have someone with the talent, experience and determination of Terry Johnson to fill this important position. [Johnson] has proven himself as a solid administrator. I'm sure he will do an excellent job as director," Guinn stated.

# Clinton rips Bush, Congress at event

NEW YORK (AP) - Sounding a little like a preacher, a fired-up Sen. Hillary Clinton lambasted the Bush administration and the Republican-controlled Congress during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, predicting the presidency "will go down in history as one of the worst" and saying the House of Representatives is run like a "plantation" where dissenting voices are squelched.

"When you look at the way the House of Representatives has been run, it has been run like a plantation, and you know what I'm talking about," Clinton, D-N.Y., told the crowd at the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem. "It has been run in a way so that nobody with a contrary view has had a chance to present legislation, to make an argument, to be heard."

Speaking to a group of Hurricane Katrina evacuees in the audience, Clinton offered an apology "on behalf of a government that left you behind, that turned its back on you." Her remarks were met with thunderous applause.

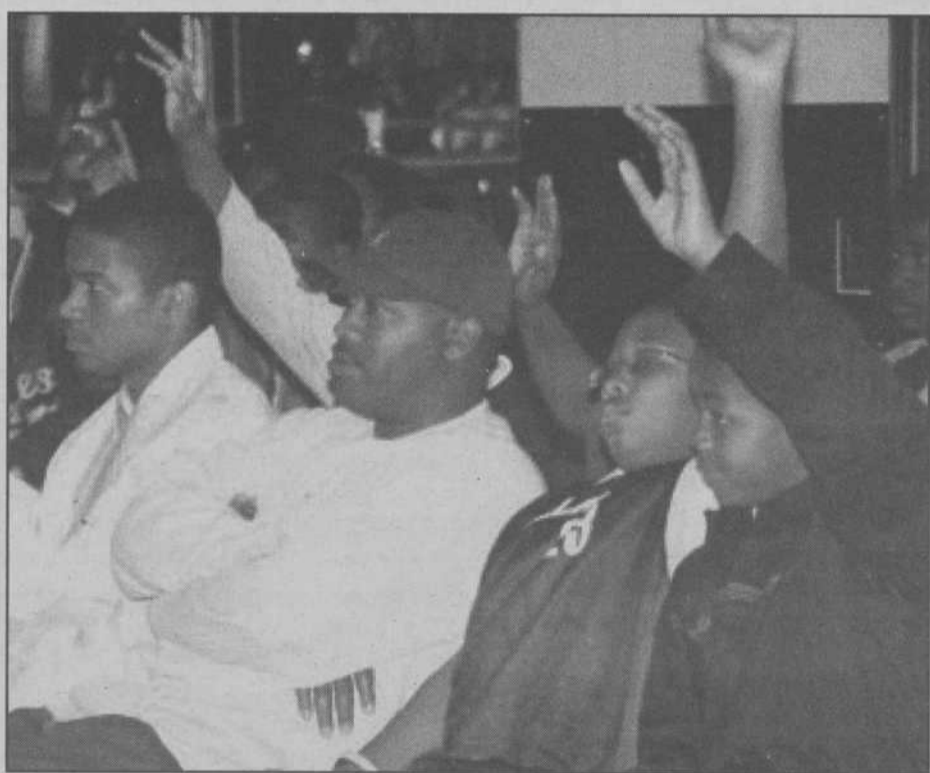
"We have a culture of corruption, we have cronyism, we have incompetence," she said. "I predict to you that this administration will go down in history as one of the worst that has ever governed our country."

Republican National Committee spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt, reached by telephone, responded to Clinton's remarks by saying, "On a day when Americans are focused on the legacy of Martin Luther King, Hillary Clinton is focused on the legacy of Hillary Clinton."

A spokeswoman for the White House declined to comment and referred questions to the RNC.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who organized the Monday event, said Clinton's comments were important to her primarily Black audience.

"It was significant to us that she did it at our forum on  
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D'lon Fernandez, second from right, raises his hand in response to a query by Jawanza Kunjufu about who'll be successful Black men. His dad, Albert (with hat), looks on.

## Kunjufu

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home, and now in 2006, we only have 32 percent of our fathers in the home."

Three attendees of the workshop — Albert Fernandez and his son D'lon, along with Donald Mock, president of the high school Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Leadership League — shared their impressions of Kunjufu's message.

Fernandez indicated that he was proud of being in attendance at the workshop with his young son and young nephew. He added, "I thought that it was very informative. I thought it was a major eye-opener for a lot of the young men in attendance today. They all should have learned something..."

His son D'lon, a seventh grader at the House of Knowledge Christian Academy, said how the message affected his think-

ing: "This workshop really meant a lot to me, and I want to be more than just an 'ice cream dad.'" He concluded he intends to be "a real father" someday.

Fernandez has read some of Kunjufu's books and said "they offer a positive message for our young men. Everyone should have at least one of his books in their home. That will help to enrich our culture and teach [each young boy] how to be a man and be responsible."

Mock concluded, "I felt that our group appreciated the message of Dr. Kunjufu... and we did learn a lot. It was important for us to be here today. We will take this message back to all 35 members of our group, throughout Clark County, where we stress academic achievement, leadership skills, community involvement and maintaining a 2.7 GPA to be a part of this program."



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