

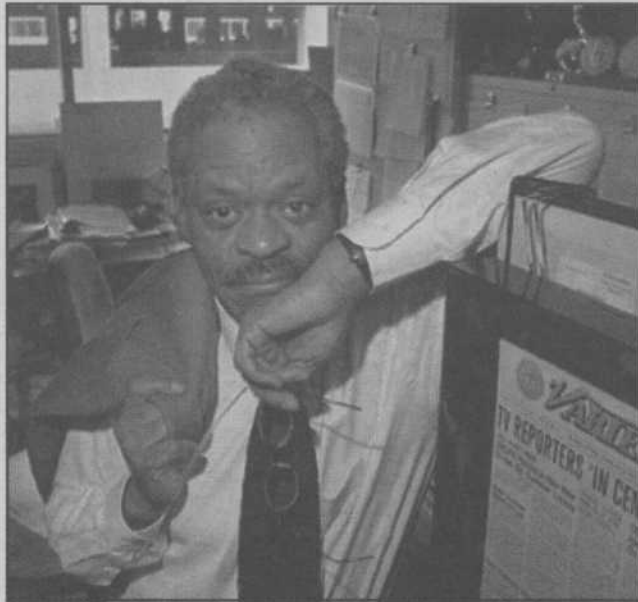
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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Legendary CNN broadcast reporter/anchor Bernard Shaw was honored at the recent National Association of Black Journalists convention at Bally's Hotel and Casino.

Shaw honored, BET lambasted

By Michael H. Cottman
Special to Sentinel-Voice

LAS VEGAS (BlackAmericaWeb.com) - Bernard Shaw, the veteran journalist who retired as CNN anchor in 2000, struck out at unnamed media owners who are "sabotaging the public good" with their "profit fixations," and, as he accepted a Lifetime Achievement Award Aug. 11 from the National Association of Black Journalists, warned White males that they ignore diversity at their peril.

"Journalists, hear me tonight," Shaw told an awards banquet audience at the 32nd NABJ convention in Bally's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

"There are some owners in the business — bosses, parent companies — whose profit fixation and staffing directives and decisions sabotage the public good they profess to serve.

"They are turning the people's right to know into the people's fight to know," he said.

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Town hall eyes issues

By Frank A. Albano
Sentinel-Voice

A small crowd gathered in the County's Commission chambers recently for Commissioner Lawrence Weekly's first Town Hall meeting after taking office in March when he was appointed by Gov. Gibbons to fill the post following Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates' resignation.

On hand were members of Metro's Northeast Command, the Clark County divisions of Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation and Fire and Safety, along with Weekly's staff.

Weekly arrived after the meeting started and his staff conducted things in the interim. When he arrived, he spoke about the status of District D and a major concern.

"Earlier in the day," Weekly told the crowd, "I meet with a group of concerned seniors, and all they talked about was crime," adding, "People are scared."

"The focus is crime," he reiterated.

At that point, Weekly turned over the microphone to Metro Capt. Richard Collins, who gave



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his report and later took questions.

During the question and answer period, members of the public also expressed concerns about crime and asked several pointed questions about a recent incident still unsolved. Collins addressed questions about a fatal shooting outside a house party, and he informed the audience that gangbangers use the Internet to tell other gang members about parties going on and then they show up uninvited.

"They just show up outside and were not invited," said Collins.

With this problem being pervasive, one unidentified audience member told Collins, "Issue permits to hold a private party," to which Collins replied, "I don't think we want to infringe on people's rights to

have them pay for holding their own private parties."

Collins was asked about cooperation between the North Las Vegas and Metro police departments. Collins said he favors a stronger interaction.

"I met at lunch with North Las Vegas Capt. Dunn, and we're going to work well together, and there will be cooperation between law enforcement agencies."

On the subject of gang violence, Collins said he contacted the Mexican Consulate to enlist their help in dealing with certain gangs. "There have been some results," he said, referring to using his officers in swing shifts around the clock, "24/7."

Collins said the of the 137 officers under his command 55 are always patrolling the streets. Turning to the subject

of a community-driven "Safe Village," Collins advised the audience to get together as a community, like neighborhood watches, similar to those in other parts of the city and county.

Code Enforcement advises that it has stepped up its war on graffiti. Anyone can get free paint, rollers and brushes to remove graffiti, or the county will do it for them.

Parks and Recreation spokesman, Alex Bernal, talked about gang intervention. He said there is a new program offering youth ranging in age from 14 through 18 something to do as an alternative.

The new program, "Late Night Solutions," is getting otherwise troubled youth off the streets on weeknights and placing them into a pleasant, productive environment.

"From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., we hold cooking classes and have a \$7,000 recording studio," but its use comes with condition said Bernal, "They [youth participants] have to take anger management classes."

Bernal added that there are parenting classes, and about 80 boys and girls (See Town Hall, Page 2)

Activists: Racial tensions 're-segregating' America

By Hazel Trice Edney
Special to Sentinel-Voice

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - More than 100 years since W.E.B. Du Bois declared that the "color line" would be the key problem of the 20th century, civil rights activists and race experts now say the problem of racial tensions are still so pervasive in the 21st century that some have labeled it as a re-segregation.

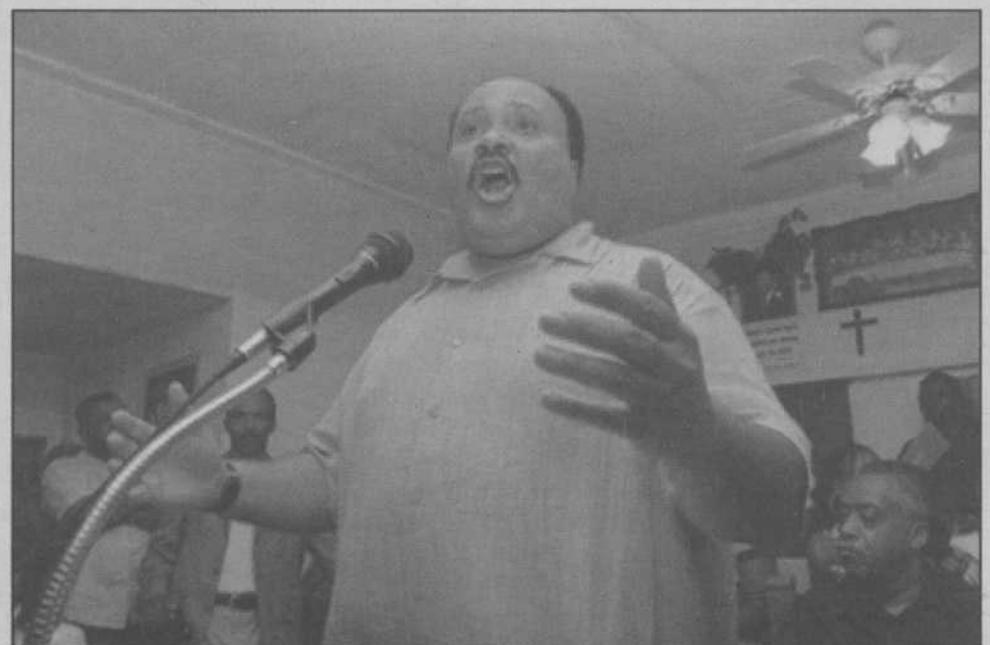
"It's undeniable that we are re-segregating education in a dramatic way, and we are also re-segregating or becoming more segregated residentially than we were. And so those things are clearly going backward," says Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence

Project of the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors racial hate activities across the nation. "I don't think race-relations are doing terrifically well."

Potok says what appears to be a rise in racially charged incidents publicized this year alone coincides with the rise in racial-focused hate groups nationwide.

—In January, the story was still blaring about comedian Michael Richard's calling a Black man the n-word from the stage in a crowded Los Angeles comedy club in November.

—Within a few months, former talk show host Don Imus' on-air "nappy-headed hos" (See Resegregation, Page 4)



Martin Luther King III, the oldest son of the famed civil rights leader, urged the audience at Antioch Baptist Church to use the ballot box to protest a local injustice in Jena, La.