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## D.A. ASKED TO LOOK INTO CRIMINAL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST DISTRICT

# LIBRARY DISTRICT OPERATIONS QUESTIONED

By Joan Shepard

Clearly dissatisfied with the operation and management of the Clark County Library District; the Board of Commissioners agreed this week to explore requesting new state legislation requiring review and approval of the district budget and requested the District Attorney to look into criminal accusations made against the Library District. The Clark County Board of Commissioners made its decisions following a contentious public meeting this week when both elected officials and citizens raised charges against the district and its officials including: conflict of interest; racial discrimination; lack of accountability to both the public and its government.

State Assemblyman Wendell Williams, who led the charge against the Library District, characterized the library operation as government "out-of-con-

trol" because the district is not accountable to any city, county, or state elected body or agency.

In support of Williams, Commissioner Don Schlessinger called for state legislation for library budget review and complained that the Library District had refused to answer the Board's questions about cost of programs and architecture. "If there's no accountability to us (the Board of Commissioners); how do you handle the public, asked Schlessinger.

Diane Wilson, chairman of the library's board of trustees, came under criticism by both Schlessinger and Wilson.

Schlessinger complained she had not responded to questions put to her a year ago by the Board of Commissioners. Schlessinger said, "When are we going to get the answer...maybe we

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State Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams (left), Diane Wilson, Chairman Las Vegas Library Board of Trustees (center), and Charles Hunsberger, Director of the Library District, present their opposing viewpoints concerning the operation and management of the Clark County Library District. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

## WEST LAS VEGAS FIGHTING A NEVER ENDING BATTLE FOR JUSTICE

# COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PLAYING A LOSERS GAME

By Posey Davis

"I don't want to be bused," said ten year old Unique Hunt, a fifth grader attending Lee Antonello Elementary School. Hunt stated that she is tired of being mistreated on the bus, and the citations, and says she feels this is happening because she is an African American.

Hunt was just one of the 200 or more concerned students, parents and citizens who gathered for a special meeting held by the Clark County School Board of Trustees at Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade Center last Tuesday night. Speakers had three minutes to voice their opinions to the board about the Clark County School Board's Prime 6 Educational Proposal.

"We don't like their proposal; we want pre-kindergarten through sixth grade," shouted one antagonist to the school district's Prime 6 Plan. "We want neighborhood schools with more Black teachers, better books and no busing; bring our children back."

One speaker thanked School Superintendent Brian Cram for his "good intentions." He obliged, but too soon, when she said, "good intentions are just not good enough; we need action now."

Rev. Jesse Scott, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) shared the same feelings and told the board stop dragging and dragging, it is time to move forward.

The Clark County School District believes they can give West Las Vegas what it needs. They want to change Booker, Carson, Fitzgerald, Gilbert, Kelly, Mackey, Madison and McCall to new Prime 6 schools. These schools will provide educational programs which will have a multi-cultural focus and are developed for students in pre-kindergarten through grade three, and sixth grade. This plan does not include the fourth and fifth grades.

The school district has given fourth and fifth graders an option. Those students living in West Las Vegas can



12-year-old Sachsha Williams speaks out against racist treatment received on Clark County School buses.

Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

attend an elementary school assigned to them outside West Las Vegas or they can choose an elementary school outside West Las Vegas, other than the one assigned. They will be enrolled

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## BANK EXECUTIVES MAKE COMMITMENT AT BANK FAIR



Several bank officials explain their services to business owners and entrepreneurs at the first bank fair. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

By Joan Shepard

Local bank executives have pledged a new era in lending practices, correcting the industry's past history of racially discriminatory practices. The bank executives made their commitment at a bank fair held at Cashman Field this past Sunday. The bank fair, targeted to minority business people, organized by City

Councilman Frank Hawkins, was the first of its kind held in the city.

"The past is the past," said Andrew Studdert, president of First Interstate Bank of Southern Nevada. "Things have changed. This fair is the beginning of the process."

Nine banks: American Bank of Commerce; Bank of America Ne-

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