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It came as no great surprise to this columnist that in the May 1993 issue of EBONY magazine, Bob Bogle, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) was listed as one of the nation's "100 Most Influential Black Americans."

The Philadelphia Tribune, which Bogle is publisher of, continues to be one of the most highly respected weekly newspapers in the country, however, it is in his role of NNPA president that he was recognized.

The NNPA, the premier trade association for the African American newspaper press, continues to represent the Pan African community in a timely and professional manner.

Collectively and individually, it's members also have regional and national honors.

Recently while conducting research for my dissertation on the African Americans press and higher education, I reviewed a CD-ROM titled "Ethnic NewsWatch Publications" published by SoftLine Information, Inc. out of Stamford, Connecticut.

Ethnic NewsWatch publications consist of entire issues of African American, Eastern European, Asian American, Jewish, Native American, Latino and Arab American newspapers that can be viewed on CD-ROM for research purposes.

Nearly seventy newspapers are included. Among the twenty six African American newspapers are; the Atlanta Inquirer, the Balti-

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more Afro American, the Bay State Banner (Boston/Dorchester), Big Red News (Brooklyn, NY), California Voice (Berkeley), and Call and Post (Ohio - Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus),

the Citizen (Chicago), the Chicago Weekend, the Columbus (GA) Times, the Indianapolis Recorder, the Metro Reporter (San Francisco), the Miami Times, the Michigan Citizen (Highland Park/Detroit), the New Pittsburg Courier, the New York Voice, the Oakland Post, the Philadelphia Tribune, the Portland (OR) Skanner, the Richmond (VA) Afro American, the Sacramento Observer, the Seattle Skanner, the Sun Reporter (San Francisco), the Washington (DC) Afro American and the Washington (DC) Informer.

This inclusion of these newspapers represents further proof that the Pan African press is strong, respected and read by readers of various ethnicities and for various reasons. It almost goes without

SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DISTRICT MISSION

In an effort to include parents and citizens in long-range planning, the school board invites public comment on the district's mission during a special meeting that begins at 4 p.m. on July 6. The meeting will be held in the board room of the Education Center, 2832 East Flamingo Road.

The meeting is designed to summarize the history of previous planning efforts, discuss current priorities, and consider

future planning for the school district.

The school district is coming to the end of a five-year planning process that resulted in several notable achievements including legislation for class-size reduction; reorganization of second language programs; expansion of prekindergarten programs; and a \$600 million bond issue for school construction and renovation.

saying that this press and its predominant readership is of African descent, i.e. the United States, the Caribbean, the Latin Americas and Africa.

The president of the NNPA should always be on EBONY's 100 Influential List. Why, because my preliminary research indicates that this press is an agenda setting press and via the leadership of its president, its influence on and in the community can be slight or tremendous.

For more information about EthnicWatch, call SoftLine Information at (203) 975-8292, fax # (203) 975-8347. For more information about NNPA call (202) 588-8764, fax # (202) 588-5029.

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Board members are encouraging the public, especially parents, to comment on what the school district's mission should be.

According to School Superintendent Dr. Brian Cram, "The board is eager to focus its energies on specific educational challenges, and would like broad-based input to do so. Cram emphasized the board hopes to receive "positive suggestions for

positive action."

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and public comment will begin at 5 p.m.

If citizens wish to comment but can't attend the July 6 meeting, they may leave their input on a special telephone message at 799-5229. All message center comments will be compiled and forwarded to the school board for review and consideration.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGED

Meetings of the Clark County Board of School Trustees will now begin at 4 p.m., instead of 6 p.m., beginning with the July meeting.

Meeting dates and location will not change. The board will continue to hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month at the Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road.

Procedures for public input were revised to account for the new time. Public comments pertaining to agenda items will begin no earlier than 5 p.m. on those items for which at least one speaker has signed up.

To address the board, a person should call the superintendent's office at 799-5315 by 1 p.m. the day of the meeting to be placed on the speaker list. Citizens who want to address non-agenda items will be allowed to speak toward the end of the meeting.

The board approved the new

meeting time June 22. "We need to make a change to accommodate the increasing volume of that comes before the board," said board president Judy Witt.

NEW SCHOOLS NEARING COMPLETION

Thirteen new schools under construction in the Clark County School District are nearing completion and all but one are expected to be ready in time for classes to begin August 23.

New schools opening with the 1993-94 school year are H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School, Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School, William Lummis Elementary School, Ullis Newton Elementary School, Clarence Piggot Elementary School, Louis Wiener, Jr. Elementary School, Ernest Becker, Sr. Middle School, Grant Sawyer Middle School, Durango High School, Las Vegas High School (relocated campus, formerly called Winchester High School), Moapa Valley High School, and east

and west campuses of Horizon High School.

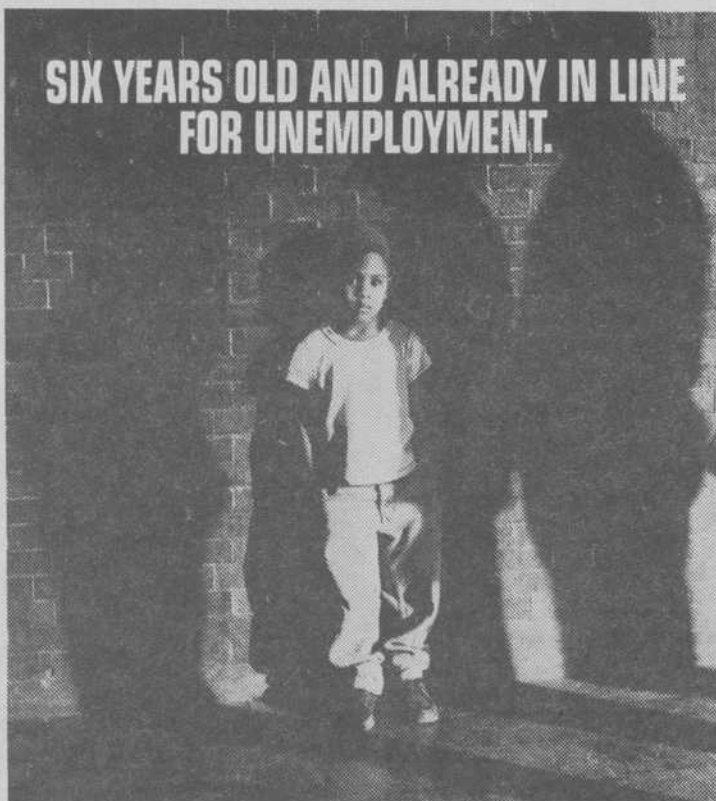
Four of the new schools are far enough along that furniture is being moved into the buildings. Those schools are Sawyer, Durango, Las Vegas and Moapa Valley. Finishing touches are under way at those schools, including landscaping and ensuring that the heating and cooling systems work properly.

Eight other schools are 75 percent to 80 percent complete, said Fred Smith, director of construction management. Of those eight schools, H.P. Fitzgerald is on the tightest schedule, with completion scheduled for August 20. If necessary, contingency plans are in place to move furniture into the schools while the contractor is on site, Smith said.

The only new school that will not be ready August 23 is the west campus of Horizon High School, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

New schools are being built with money from the district's \$600 million bond issue ap-
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