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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"**CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DIRECTOR
FORCED TO RESIGN AT RECENT BOARD MEETING**

By Muhammad Abdullah

Amidst numerous demonstrations and protests held by residents of West Las Vegas centering around budget appropriations, lack of sufficient publications by African American authors, insensitivity to the concerns of the African American community and other concerns, the Clark County Library District Board took action on Wednesday, July 14, 1993, and voted for the resignation of Charles Hunsberger as Director.

Hunsberger was Library District Director for twenty-two years and has been the subject of controversy for several of those years, specifically relative to his handling of the West Las Vegas Library.

Attempts had been made on numerous occasions to shut down the West Las Vegas Library during Hunsberger's tenure which resulted in protests and demonstrations by area residents, as



State Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams (left), Diane Wilson, Chairman Las Vegas Library Board of Trustees (center), and Charles Hunsberger, Director of the Library District, presented their opposing viewpoints concerning the operation and management of the Clark County Library District last Nov.

Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

well as non-African American sympathizers who would not stand idly by and

watch the closing of the only library in the predominantly African-American community.

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**CHAVIS ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION START ON
\$100 MILLION NAACP ENDOWMENT FUND**

One of the most important figures at the 20th century, Nelson Mandela, President of the African National Congress, was the first speaker, and Dr. Dorothy I. Height, dean of the civil rights movement and President of the National Council of Negro Women was the last, as the NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, held its 1993 Annual Convention in Indianapolis, In.

In the days between Mr. Mandela and Dr. Height, the more than 25,000 convention attendees heard major presentations from a full roster of national figures; were buoyed by the announcement of a multi-million dollar gift to the NAACP; participated in more than a score of workshops and forums; saluted over a thousand of the brightest African-American youngsters in the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), and took part in a myriad of other activi-

1993 ROSE AWARD RECIPIENT

Maude Hinton was recently awarded with the 1993 Rose Award by the Professional Black Women's Alliance during their 7th Annual Rose Awards presentation. Photo by Paula Irons

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**CLARK COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEACHERS
HONOR PRINCIPAL DURING UNIQUE REUNION**

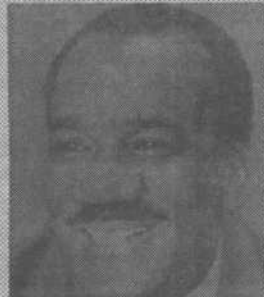
Between 1962 and 1964, more than 100 African-American teachers, fresh out of predominantly black colleges such as Shaw University, Bennett College, Virginia State University, Hampton University, Howard University, to name a few, arrived in Las Vegas to begin their teaching careers at Kit Carson and Jo Mackey Elementary Schools. Some were assigned to the other five schools in West Las Vegas.

These teachers had been recruited and provided teaching contracts by H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald, then principal of Kit Carson and Jo Mackey schools. Fitzgerald also secured teaching positions for many African-American teachers arriving in Las Vegas during this period, who had become displaced/unemployed in other states because of integration.

Recently, a reunion was held in Las Vegas by some of the teachers to celebrate their more than thirty years in the teaching profession and to honor Fitzgerald, under whom they served their apprenticeship. The theme of the reunion was "The Best Las Vegas Years '62, '63, and '64 Reunion Banquet Honoring Mr. H.P. Fitzgerald."

During the past 30 years, Many of these teachers became pioneers and legends in their fields while in Las Vegas. They also became counselors, coordinators, supervisors, assistant principals, principals, associate and assistant superintendents and college professors, not only in Nevada, but across the country. They are serving as administrators in Utah, Louisiana, New Jersey, California, and Ohio.

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H. P. "FITZ" FITZGERALD

ties.

The official convention ran from Sunday, July 11th through Thursday, July 15th, but on Saturday, July 10th, a specially arranged session provided a forum for Mr. Mandela, attended by

decisive point.

Within a few months, South Africa will hold its first multi-racial election, and one of the purposes of Mr. Mandela's visit to the States was to raise funds for that election. His plea at

"Community development and economic development are high on our agenda as we move into the 21st Century"

Dr. Benjamin Chavis, NAACP Executive Director



more than 12,000 persons scattered in three cavernous locations at the Indiana Convention Center, and linked by television.

During his thirty minute speech, Mr. Mandela said, after linking the struggle of blacks in the U.S. with the struggles in Africa, said the struggle for democracy and decent treatment of people in South Africa has reached a critical and

the NAACP Convention raised more than \$50,000.

On Sunday night, the newly elected NAACP Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, made his first address to a national gathering of the NAACP, electrifying the audience with the dramatic announcement of a \$2 million commitment from the estate of the late

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