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By Ray E. Willis

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**WAAK-UP KEEPS FOCUS ON PRIME 6**

By Victor S. Ingram

When the effort to bring African American students back to community schools within their own neighborhoods began in late 1991, few anticipated this dream would become a reality. This effort was the brainchild of the WAAK-UP organization whose sole purpose was to provide a better learning environment for community children who had endured the brunt of the Civil Rights era busing programs. Now as the Clark County School District has provided the Prime 6 initiative which allows parents to keep their children within neighborhood boundaries, WAAK-UP reassesses its goals and finds new direction.

Critics called the organization too radical and misdirected for going against the grain of integration. With shock, publicity tactics and community action,



Nevada Governor Bob Miller (R), along with Marzette Lewis, president of WAAK-UP (L), made a personal appearance recently at teacher Lorraine Robinson's (C) class at H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School.

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WAAK-UP succeeded in its goals.

Organization President, Marzette Lewis and Community Action Chairperson, Debra Jackson, during an interview with the Sentinel Voice, chose not to embellish in their accomplishments but look towards future goals and ob-

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**MISS BLACK TEENAGE  
NEVADA CROWNED**

By Paula Irons

The 1993 Miss Black Teenage Awards held its Tenth Annual Celebration Sunday, October 24, 1993, dedicating all efforts to Norma Marie Webb Porter, Ph. D., who has been advisor on the board of directors for many years.

The four finalists vying for this year's crown were Truvela S. Chaney of Chaparral High School, LaCrecia Williams of Bishop Gorman High School, Allena Willis of Valley High School, and Isis Wynn of Western High School.

The contestants were judged on several categories, including scholastic achievement, community involvement, contestant activity participation, essay, talent, poise and projection, and personal interview.

The program began with an introduction of the finalists, which was given by the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Lawrence Weekly and Jenny Lorraine Langstaff, Miss Black Teen-



TRUVELLA S. CHANEY

1993 Miss Black Teenage Nevada

Photo by Paula Irons

age Nevada 1992. Dressed in African attire, the young ladies presented the audience with an impressive dance choreographed by Tara Cleveland.

Next, they suited up for the talent portion of the program. Truvela Chaney, whose interests include Biochemistry, performed a flute solo; LaCrecia Williams, whose interests

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**EOB BOARD WEIGHS DIRECTOR'S FUTURE**

By Victor S. Ingram

Speculation has arisen that long-time executive director of the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB), James Tyree, is under fire from the organization's board of directors. EOB, which comprises of some 23 social service programs, has provided services for the needy for over two decades.

Tyree, who is currently on an extended medical leave, has been previously targeted by the board for ineffective direction and a lack of response to guidance. During a general board meeting on Wednesday, October 27, meeting agenda item #4 required all nonessential participants to exit the meeting room. Board members discussed Tyree's status during a closed door meeting, and provided no comment upon exit.

Tyree was not present for the meeting and was subsequently unavailable for comment. He has, however, been subject to numerous criticism relating to EOB's management of its radio station, KCEP 88.1 FM, and transportation program, which has been plagued by numerous complaints of poor service and inadequate equipment.

The transportation services has also

been spotlighted by the Clark County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) for possible fusion into the impending county managed paratransit network. While meeting the needs of various disadvantaged persons throughout the Las Vegas valley, EOB's inability in the past to keep pace with boom-



JAMES TYREE

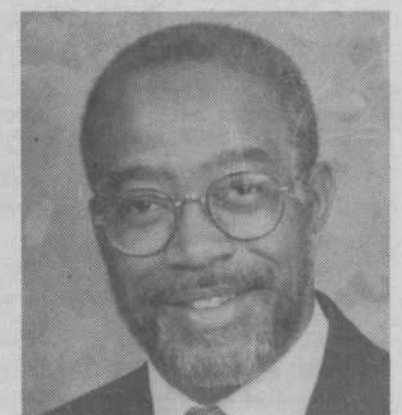
ing growth has been another source of scrutiny. Waiting lists for critical services have been known to extend in the hundreds. Budgeting and financial planning issues have also plagued the organization. Additionally, the organization's reputation as a "closed society" with an inattention to its clients has been a point of dissent.

Insiders confirm Tyree's inflexibility and inability to deal with board members. Some have typified his actions as "arrogant" and "obstinate" when challenged on various issues.

**LOCAL MUSLIM KEYNOTES C.A.U.S. CONFERENCE**

Mujahid Ramadan, resident Imam of Masjid As-Sabur and Deputy Chairman of the American Muslim Council (AMC) along with Congressman Lee Hamilton of Indiana and Dr. Abdullah Hassif, former secretary of the Muslim World League was one of the keynote speakers at the upcoming C.A.U.S. conference, October 24-26, 1993 in Washington, D.C. C.A.U.S. is a coalition of organizations including: Council of Imams of Washington; American Muslim Council United Association for

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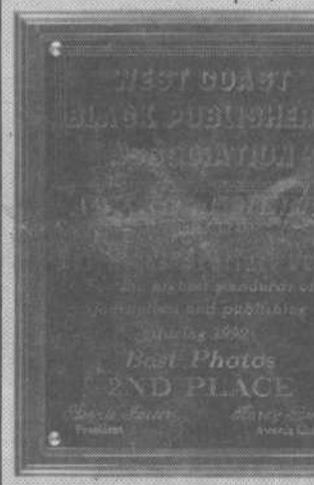


Mujahid Ramadan

**SENTINEL-VOICE CAPTURES TWO AWARDS  
AT WCBPA'S 10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, Nevada's only African-American Newspaper, was recently honored at the 10th annual West Coast Black Publishers Association convention, winning two awards for their outstanding standards of Journalism and Publishing during 1992.

It was the first time the Sentinel ever submitted entries for the annual awards banquet, and



it resulted in the up-and-coming publication snaring 1st Place for "Best Sports Section" and 2nd Place for "Best Use Of Photos."

"It's really rewarding to know that we're thought so highly of by our peers," said Lee Brown, publisher of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice. "We're honored."

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