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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

STAGE IS SET FOR THE RETURN OF MINISTER FARRAKHAN

By El-Shabazz

To all of his followers throughout the world he's recognized as the one Black man that has his finger on the pulse of today's problems. However, to many of his adversaries he is the "Minister of Rage", preaching hate and racism.

No matter what your views or opinions, the Nation of Islam's leader, Louis Farrakhan will be making a stop in Las Vegas to discuss a variety of subjects.

The scheduled event is to take place at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas' campus on Saturday, June 4th, inside the Thomas & Mack Center. This will be the first public address by Farrakhan in Las Vegas since October 1990. That appearance by the Black Muslim minister was viewed by over 3,000 spectators at the Cashman Field Complex.

It was there that he stated several times that he is not advocating hatred of White people or of the Jewish people, but he feels that those groups have to

realize the part they have played in the plight of Africa-Americans. The threatened demonstration by the Jewish Defense League did not materialize. However, a small group of Skinheads appeared outside the venue, but were quickly disbanded before any confrontation could occur.

Currently, tensions remain high between the Nation of Islam and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) after an aide of Minister Farrakhan, Khalid Abdul Muhammad was targeted by



Farrakhan to return to Las Vegas Saturday, June 4th

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the ADL about anti-Semitic statements made during a public address in 1993.

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ROWE RESIGNS AS HEAD OF HOUSING AUTHORITY

By Victor S. Ingram

When Carl Rowe took over as the Executive Director of the Las Vegas Housing Authority four years ago, he did so amid allegations of mismanagement, rent cheating, and nepotism by his predecessor, Art Santini. Rowe's immediate concern was to restore credibility and dignity to the city's housing administration. Rowe's intentions were cut short, however, following the announcement of his resignation on March 15. His tumultuous tenure was mired by a series of recent media portrayals of mismanagement and inattention. The West Las Vegas housing development Madison Terrace received week-long media coverage, portrayed for insect infestations, rodents, and dilapidated conditions.

Excessive waits for maintenance services were also exposed. Some residents were noted with 6 months or more waits to have heating units

and appliances serviced. Rowe leaves the \$ 80,000 a year position with a degree of regret and bitterness. "Government housing is just not where it's at," said Rowe. Rowe said the federal housing system is inherently inefficient and showed his relief in leaving the local authority. While not announcing where he will work following his April 29, departure, Rowe alluded he assume a position in the nonprofit sector with an agency which builds affordable housing.

Mayor Jan Jones complimented Rowe's performance upon the announcement of his resignation. Jones self-appointed herself to the housing authority board of directors following the Madison Terrace debacle. "I think Carl Rowe should be commended for what he brought the housing authority," commented Jones. Rowe leaves following the release of a

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NEVADA BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTOR OUSTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Victor S. Ingram

In the week which saw the resignation of the state's top university administrator, UNLV President Robert Maxon, and the City of Las Vegas' Housing Director, Carl Rowe, yet another top official has seen their career abruptly ended. Nevada Business Services Executive Director, David Hicks, saw his eight year tenure with the federal job training, nonprofit agency end with a vote of no-confidence from the board of directors. NBS is designed to service disadvantaged and dislocated workers by providing federally sponsored training and job assistance. The board is comprised of representatives from four Southern Nevada counties and four Clark County cities. Last Thursday the board voted in a closed personnel session to terminate the long-time director. The vote, however, has been shrouded by controversy.

Hicks, who was previously placed on a probationary status for questionable spending practices, was given five months to improve his performance. This action resulted from a November management study which

provided a negative appraisal of Hicks' management of the organization. The board, however, in what one board member described as an ad-hoc personnel session, reversed its April deadline and decided immediately to terminate Hicks. Board member, Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson-Gates said Hicks' termination resulted from his authorizing \$45,000 in expenses without board approval. "I take this stuff very seriously, spending money without board approval," said Gates. Councilman Frank Hawkins orchestrated the hastily called personnel meeting, according to Vic Schulze, a board member. Schulze said the termination was abrupt because Hicks was making the progress that the board requested. "My problem is we gave the guy a specific time, April, then we renege," said Schulze.

As chairman, Hawkins was said to have made it known on numerous occasions his dissatisfaction with Hicks' performance.

Hicks loses the \$62,000 per year position and questions the legality of the termination.

MOULIN ROUGE HONORS PIONEERS

By Victor S. Ingram

Thirteen honorees were inducted into the Historic Moulin Rouge Hall of Fame last Friday, March 25. The ceremony was hosted by the Historic Moulin Rouge Preservation Association and featured a host of local and state elected officials. The gala event provided a showcase to recognize 13 people who participated in a March 25, 1960 meeting where the state order ending legalized segregation in Nevada was signed. Honorees included: Woodrow Wilson, David Hoggard, Sr., Dr. William "Bob" Bailey, The honorable Governor Grant Sawyer, Lubertha M. Johnson, Dr. Charles I. West, Hank Greenspun, W.E. "Butch" Leypoldt, Dr. James McMillan, Dr. Donald Clark, Art Olsen, Clessie Tumer, and Ray Sheffer. "All 13 people who are honored were at the historic meeting," said Katherine Duncan, coordinator for the event.

Duncan said the event was an opportunity for the Rouge to give back to those who had contributed much toward desegregation. "We want to show off our role models," added Duncan. She further stated that the contributions of the honorees might go

"I see the Moulin Rouge as a facility which appeals to worldwide patronage"

Sarann Knight-Preddy, Moulin Rouge



unnoticed by children who need to recognize their local civil rights pioneers. "There are a lot of people who

contribute an awful lot to the cause and yet go unnoticed," said Duncan.

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SENATOR HARRY REID UNITY PROJECT 94' KICKS OFF WITH COMMUNITY EVENT TO HELP CONSTRUCT \$2 MILLION BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN WEST LAS VEGAS!

Senator Harry Reid's first annual Unity Project kicks off with a community event of entertainment, food and fun for the entire family, April 16, from 2-4 p.m., at the Sammy Davis Jr Festival Plaza. The funds raised from the concert in conjunction with private donations will help construct a \$2 million permanent boys and girls club on the site of the exciting A.D. Guy Boys and Girls Club in West Las Vegas. The state of the art facility will feature an indoor gymnasium, computer center, arts and crafts center, educational resource lab, teen room and cafeteria.

business leaders including Pioneer Citizens Bank, Sensory Systems Industries, Sprint/Central, Harrah's Hotel and Casino, Gaudin Ford, Channel 3 and the City of Las Vegas, the Harry Reid Unity Project 94' has committed this years effort to raising the building funds for the new Boys and Girls Club which is scheduled to break ground at the end of 1994. Senator Reid is committed to leading the effort to build this incredible facility which will provide the positive services and programs for the children who reside in West Las Vegas.

While the fundraising effort is ongoing (See Unity Project, Page 10)

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