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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

**LONG-SHOT CANDIDATES LOOK TO
SECURE BID FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Victor S. Ingram

During the last three weeks, the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice has provided coverage of the 6 leading candidates for the Clark County Sheriff's office. These six were chosen for their early placement in initial polls, subsequently representing support for their candidacy. Their fund raising exploits were also contributing factors in receiving coverage. By some estimates, it will take approximately \$250,000 in administrative costs to underwrite a successful bid for the position. Premium fees will be gotten by local T.V. and radio stations, as well as newspapers, as

candidates purchase air time. Candidates will battle the issues plus compete for choice time slots to air their platforms. Local public relations firms will reap huge benefits as they seek to instill image-development and network political strategies for their clients. Sign companies will see their bottom-line swell as candidates erect thousands of signs, providing backdrop for the city's neon skyline. For the candidates who has the money, the race will merely require patience-awaiting the September primary.

Some premier fund-raisers include former long-term sheriff Ralph Lamb,



Metro Deputy Chief Jerry Keller, Metro Captain Randy Oaks, and private businessman Steve Rybar. All are said to (See Black Vote, Page 5)

Candidates Forum Held at Sunset Park

By Victor S. Ingram

A candidates forum was held on Saturday, July 9, at Sunset Park. The forum, sponsored by Democrat Candidate for Congress, Charles Woods, invited candidates from all parties to speak about their platforms. Candidates for sheriff, district attorney, Clark County Clerk, state assembly, state senate, and other related offices were given an opportunity to present the issues to the crowd of nearly 75 persons. Some office dark horses showed their grassroots approach to campaigning as they distributed campaign literature to the crowd. Sheriff candidate, Jacqueline

Marsh, spoke of her intent to expose and correct the blatant abuses of due process with the police department. Marsh, who faces 22 other candidates in the race for the coveted position, is considered a long-shot in the bid for the office. She is one of two women who have filed. Phil Miranda and Joseph Ippolito have also placed their hat in the ring for the county's highest ranking police official.

The candidates will face high-powered, well entrenched metro officers and former metro officers as they attempt to win the race. Candidates such as Ralph Lamb, Jerry Keller, Randy

Oaks, and Steve Rybar are well on their way in raising funds and developing political strategies. It will take, by some (See Forum, Page 11)

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**FEMALE SENATORS VIE
FOR FINANCE PANEL**

As three Democrats retire from the all-male Senate Finance Committee this year, Senators Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., are among several contenders for the seats. The influential committee, expected to tackle welfare reform next year, has never had a female member. Other Democrats, including Florida's Bob Graham and Richard Bryan of Nevada, are eyeing seats being vacated.



MOSELEY-BRAUN

TENSIONS REMAIN HIGH IN HAITI

A frustrated United States is warning Haiti that talk of military action is not a bluff as 104 international human rights observers, 11 of which are U.S. citizens, ordered out, left Wednesday. President Clinton acknowledges there's little international support for an invasion, but is urging the international community to support sanctions intended to drive Haiti's dictators from power. U.S. officials say any military action is unlikely before late August.

FIGHTING ERUPTS BETWEEN ANC, ZULUS

DURBAN, South Africa - Fighting between ANC supporters and Zulu nationalists erupted for a third day last Sunday near Durban, killing four people and leaving hundreds homeless after their houses were burned. The clashes followed the killing last Friday of a local leader of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party. At least 10 people have died in the past week in fighting blamed on a power struggle between Inkatha and supporters of the African National Conference around Port Shepstone, about 75 miles south of Durban.

**WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
CONSTRUCTION NEARS ONE YEAR DELAY**

By Victor S. Ingram

Construction on the West Las Vegas Library auditorium has been halted for nearly one year as Las Vegas Library administrators recently placed the project back out for bid. The original project, scheduled for completion in late 1993, will take an additional 210 calendar days before its completion, according to library construction administrators. The construction delay stems from a halt in construction at the direction of the library board of trustees. The trustees, under the insistence of newly elected board member, Las Vegas Review-Journal columnist, Barbara Robinson, complained that the facility's stage was too small to meet the needs of the community. State Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams and NAACP president, Jesse Scott, also joined in the outcry that the facility was inadequate for the residents of the predominantly African-American community. At the time of the stoppage, says library construction administrator, Hartley Alexander, the facility was 95% complete.

Altering the stage created significant administrative problems in the inventory of materials and contract

restrictions involving the existing contractor. The costs of the alteration went beyond the boundaries of the existing contract, thus causing the job to be rebid. A construction change order would have allowed the existing contractor to hurriedly finish the project, say some critics. Additionally, the district has been accused of purposely stalling the construction process. An accusation which library administrators emphatically deny. "We could not award a change order of that magnitude," says

Stan Colton, Capital Development Director for the library district. "The order would have been in excess of \$900,000." He says the new contractor will have to virtually demolish the existing stage and start from scratch-this in an effort to meet new requirements set by the board of trustees. The project, once completed, will cost in excess of \$3.5 million. Colton says he anticipates construction will begin soon. "We will be starting construction hopefully by the first of August."



CONSTRUCTION ON THE WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY AUDITORIUM HAS BEEN HALTED FOR NEARLY ONE YEAR Photo by Victor Ingram

**CHAVIS DRAWS SUPPORT
FROM NAACP MEMBERS**

CHICAGO - NAACP members rallied around embattled executive director Benjamin Chavis Jr., Monday as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights group turned its attention to two of its priorities - youth and employment.

Few of the 40,000 who turned out for the NAACP's annual convention seemed fazed by a reported \$3 million deficit or by Chavis' overtures - to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, gang members, "gangsta" rappers and political radicals - which have drawn criticism from Jewish groups and some moderate NAACP members.

Chavis, however, has the solid support of the 64-member NAACP board, according to national chair-



Chavis, though criticized, has solid support of NAACP board. man William Gibson. "If we had to do it again today, we would have the votes to re-elect him," Gibson said, adding that the group "must reach out to broader groups and broader perspectives."

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