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**PROMISES PROTEST OF BOND ISSUE SHOULD DEMANDS NOT BE MET**

**Unity in the Community Presents School District with List of Demands**

By Victor S. Ingram

Clark County School Board officials were presented with what could be the largest organized effort by the African American community against the upcoming multi-million dollar school bond issue. At their monthly general meeting on Tuesday, October 11, Unity in the Community, a coalition organization representing predominantly black organizations, presented the district with a list of 24 demands. Within these demands, the organization cited corrective measures for what it called years of "under-representation and neglect for the West Las Vegas community," this according to Dr. James Tate, spokesman for the group. The group plans a protest of the bond issue should their demands not be met. Tate addressed the board members with an



Members from the Unity in the Community coalition wait to speak to the Clark County School Board to present their list of demands. Photo by Victor Ingram

assortment of demands to include: the construction of new schools in the West Las Vegas area; recruiting and hiring African American teachers for area schools; and the abolishment of double sessions for all schools.

Tate then presented board members with a 72 hour deadline in which to respond to the list. Board members, however, say that the 72 hour deadline was insufficient to consider such hefty requests. "The board could not respond in such a short duration of time because most of the demands would require restructuring district policy," says Ray Willis, district spokesman. Additionally, says Willis, the board could not act nor

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**Nevada Business Service Sponsors Employer Appreciation Luncheon**

By Victor S. Ingram

"They don't need a job; they need a career," says Kabili Tayari, Nevada Business Services Executive Director. Tayari welcomed a host of business representatives and community figures to the NBS Employer Appreciation Luncheon at the Cashman Field Restaurant on Wednesday, October 12. NBS, a non-profit agency which

specializes in providing job skills to the disadvantaged and dislocated worker, sponsored the luncheon to provide special recognition to the companies which hire its clients.

NBS is the primary agency for implementing the federal government's Job Partnership and Training Act (JPTA). The act is the federal mandate

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**MED WEEK '94 Offers Opportunity To Minority & Women-Owned Businesses**



Southwest Gas Corp.'s WMDVBE head, J. D. Calhoun, talks with Nevada Purchasing Council Executive Director Diane Fontes during MED WEEK festivities. Photo by Victor Ingram

By Victor S. Ingram  
Minority and women owned businesses participated in the Minority Enterprise Development Week '94 Celebration (MEDWEEK) sponsored by the Minority Purchasing Council on Wednesday, October 12. The event was a mixer designed to place

minority business owners in close proximity to larger corporations in search of qualified sub-contractors. "The event allows small business owners an opportunity to directly network with the decision makers from large corporations," says NMPC

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**BLACK REPUBLICANISM - AN EXAMINATION  
Frederick Douglass Remembered as America's most Prominent African American Republican**

To highlight the diversity of our community The Sentinel Voice will provide a month long examination of the Republican Party and the Black community.

"The Republican party will be the party that young African Americans will turn to in the future," says long-time businessman Bob Bailey, founder of the local chapter of the National African American Round Table. Virtually a lifetime Republican, Bailey has begun a rally of local black Republicans. He was

the first African American to receive a cabinet appointment, working in the department of Commerce during the Bush Administration. Bailey uses history's most prominent African American Republican, Frederick Douglass, as the nucleus of African American participation in the party.

Douglas, known primarily for his staunch condemnations of slavery in the pre-civil war period, was an adamant supporter of the party. He became known as the country's most prominent Republican abolitionist. A close

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS

**EOB Long-standing Transportation Contract Lost To For-Profit Company**

The Economic Opportunity Board's participation in the transportation of the disabled and elderly could come to a halt if the Regional Transportation Commission goes through with its award of the county's new paratransit contract. The \$45.7 million, 5 year contract is scheduled to start in several weeks with award bidder, ATC-Vancom, recently receiving the green light to perform the service. For nearly a quarter century

the service has been performed by EOB, yet due to new federal contract requirements and an expansion of service hours, a new contract was issued for bidders. The bidding process was 18 months and involved the major paratransit service providers throughout the United States.

As a non-profit organization providing various services to the community, EOB executives felt the

process was biased, says James Tyree, executive director of the organization. "We felt the bidding was slanted against non-profit agencies," states Tyree referring to bonding and other contractual requirements by the RTC. The agency was forced to partner with a for-profit bidder in order to receive a competitive showing in the process. The effort, however, proved futile as the

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**A TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES I. WEST  
(September 27, 1908 - October 14, 1984)**

Friday, October 14, 1994 marks the 10 year anniversary of the death of one of Nevada's most prominent African American pioneers. Dr. Charles I. West, best known for being the first black doctor to practice medicine in Nevada, as well as being the founder and publisher of the state's first black newspaper, the Las Vegas Voice, passed away in 1984.

Born September 27, 1908 in Washington, D.C., West, like his father, was a graduate of the Howard University Medical School. His mother, Rebekah, was the first black principal in the Washington, D.C. school system.

Dr. West completed high school at the Williston Academy for Boys in Easthampton, Massachusetts and began his college years at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. He



DR. CHARLES I. WEST

graduated from the medical school in 1933 and completed his internship at General Hospital in Kansas City, (See Charles I. West, Page 11)