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associate of President Abraham Lincoln, Douglass spoke in length about the ills of slavery and benefits of the Republican party. He was courageous, articulate and intuitive as he looked beyond the benevolence of Lincoln's freedom of the slaves. Douglass saw the move as a political gesture by a

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respond immediately because there was no agenda item to do so.

Dr. Brian Cram, school superintendent, says he will form a committee to review the list and provide a response to the board of trustees. The guidance to act, however, must come directly from the school board.

In a statement provided to the media prior to the meeting, Unity in the Community detailed a strategy which would derail the district's bond hopes should they be slighted in their requests. "Failure on the part of the Clark County School District or the school board to act on these demands will result in severe economic and social penalties imposed in a concentrated campaign waged to dispute the bond issue."

The statement continued to describe current district policy as "functionally inefficient, racist, anti-democratic and functioning not in the best interest of either the African American community or the larger Las Vegas community."

Should the \$600 million bond measure not pass, the district would be forced to scramble to

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The Johnson family would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported Ahmad during his endeavor this summer as student ambassador to Italy. We invite you and yours to attend a thank you presentation in which he will give an overview of his experience. Once again, thank you for your efforts to help make his dream become a reality. DATE: October 16, 1994; PLACE: West Las Vegas Library; TIME: 3:30 p.m.

president struggling to keep a country together. "He was preeminently the white man's president," Douglass would say as he described Lincoln's intents in freeing the slaves.

"He was ready and willing at any time during the first years of his administration to deny, postpone, and sacrifice the rights of humanity in the colored people

find funds to meet the burgeoning demand of new students relocating in Clark County. \$400,000 has already been raised by the district through private donations to market passage of the issue to the public, according to district representatives.

to promote the welfare of the white people of this country," he continued. Douglass saw a president who needed men to fight and provide support in America's most bloody confrontation. Supply wagons

which needed to be manned, as well as other critical logistical items that were necessary to overcome Confederate forces.

A fugitive slave himself, Douglass would use the money he earned from lecture fees to

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out of gangs, and at the same time we need lower taxes and less government spending. Somehow this doesn't add up.

The truth is that poor people are the best scapegoats in the world. Blame the poor and everyone will believe you, including he poor themselves. Poor people who did not get a new school, poor people who did not get new sidewalks or streets lights or fountains with statues, poor people who have not yet seen the opening of their new librareary wing. Where has OUR tax dollar gone. Perhaps we should find someone poor to blame.

Sincerely,
Keith A. Brantley

aid others in their quest for freedom. He was known as the leading spokesman for what would later become known as the black community.

Bailey says Douglass recognized the party for its progressive, self-reliant philosophy. The party, however, has been unpopular for nearly a century with African Americans.

Since FDR's reconstruction during the meager days of the depression, Blacks have learned to look towards the Democratic party for its micro economic based support and attention to social concerns. This mentality, says Bailey, has provided a short-sighted, parochial view of politics, and limited opportunities for blacks.

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