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## Bolden's Beat

By Lee Bolden



### Doing It At Doolittle

During the past few months the scene at Doolittle Community Recreation Center in West Las Vegas has been positive and productive. Clyde Dawson director of the center located at J Street and Lake Mead Blvd. attributes this gratifying change to the Metro Police Dept., the City Commissioners, the Las Vegas Recreation Dept. and the Black Community for their positive and sincere efforts.

"I think the Metro Police Dept. and the Black Community all deserve a special commendation and thanks for their positive response to our crisis. It is

really pleasing to me that all of these people I have mentioned have showed genuine concern with helping to solve our problems here at Doolittle Center.

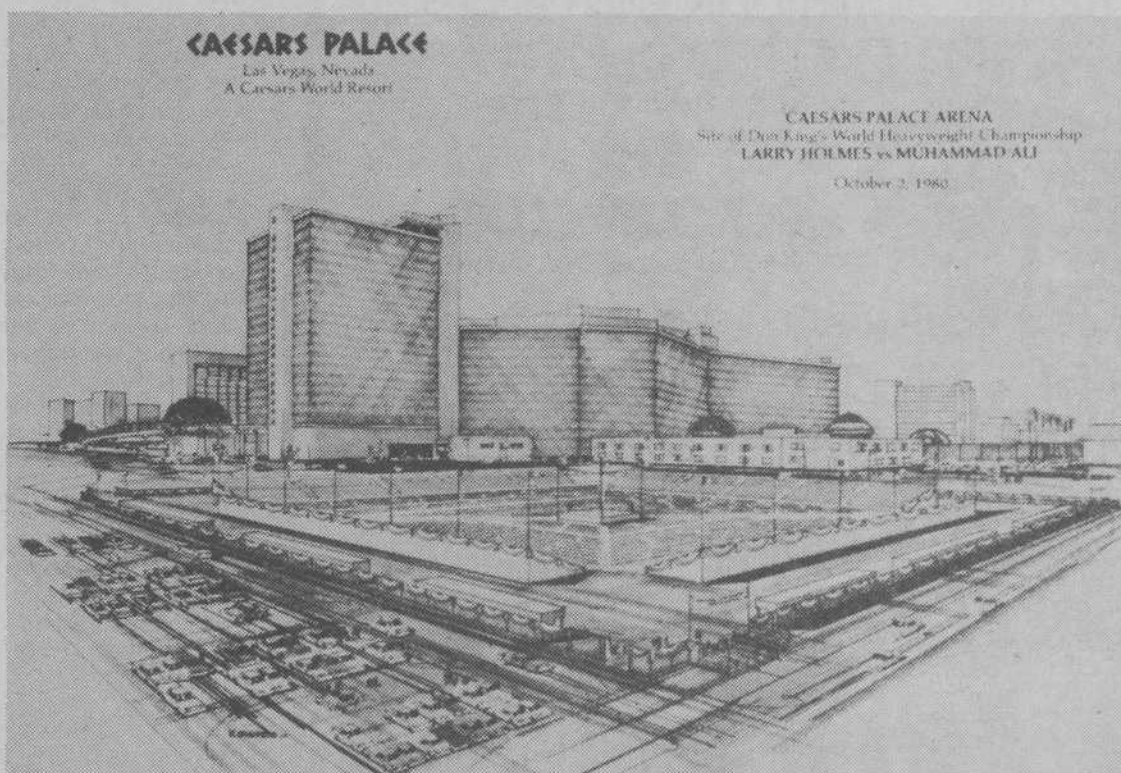
Unlike in the past when an incident had occurred in the ghetto the people and officials would think or say to themselves... those people always keep some kind of trouble going, and would just let the situation be. This time they actually did things to find out what the problems are. Not only that they are doing something about a solution to many of the problems. It is just un-

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## 72 Rounds Of Boxing — Caesars Jackpot

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## Chip Off The Old Block

# CARL KING SHAPES BOXING CORPUS

By JOE CROSS  
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A decade or two from now when historians begin looking at the impact of the last 20 years or so, one area that will stand out is the rise of the middle-class black business executive.

Granted, the numbers are not nearly as impressive as they should be. Old ways continue to die hard. But the difference can be seen. It's being felt more and more, too, in a very positive manner in the business world.

So when they start to look back at the time we now live in, one of those

new young leaders that exemplifies a lot of the thinking among black people his age is Carl King, son of the famed boxing promoter Don King.

The younger King, just 23, already either owns or is affiliated with 23 boxers as their manager.

He isn't a bit hesitant to admit that "I was given an advantage" when he went into a sport that is strongly influenced by his father.

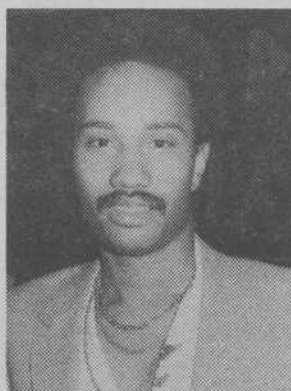
A start, yes, but he has built his business on his own, too, and is becoming a respected member of boxing's in-

ner circles. They've come to realize that King is a serious-minded young man who isn't at all about to forget where he came from in Cleveland, Ohio.

"It's getting a little easier for blacks to get into the business world," he said. Blacks today are feeling not inferiority complexes but that they can do things with their lives."

King stresses, though, that education is the key to it all.

"You really have to stress the point of education," King said. "Without it, you have no support. The Civil Rights



CARL KING

Amendment showed the opportunity is there — but we all have to prove ourselves."

Because he works with a number of young people through his con-

nection with boxing, King feels he has seen a changing attitude among today's black youth.

"The younger blacks are more business minded and no longer satisfied with blue collar work," he said. "And they are getting more education than they did back 25 to 30 years ago. Given that, then the opportunities are greater than ever."

King sees the changing attitudes of today the outgrowth of the riots of the 1960s.

"The concern within the black community was brought together in the 1960s when the

violence occurred," he said. "It became a non-violent thing by the late '60s with the work of people like Dr. Martin Luther King. In the '70s, people began to realize something had to be done.

"Now (the community) has been brought together in the '80s to a higher level. Communities can now act as one unit to bring a bigger contribution to the county. And this country certainly needs all the help it can get."

King admits as the number of middle-class black families grows, so

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