

## Open Community Forum Discusses MLK Street Name Change

On December 17 an Open Community Forum was held at the Moulin Rouge Cafe to discuss the proposed street name change to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Forum was initiated by the Black Agenda Council of Las Vegas, following the City Council's rejection earlier this month of a proposal to change the name of Highland Drive to Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.

Following the Council's rejection of the proposal, Mayor Bill Braire appointed City Councilman Bob Nolan the only City Councilman to vote in favor of the proposal, and Booker Burney of Hair Unlimited to serve as co-chairman of a committee to explore other avenues by which the City of Las Vegas could honor Dr. King. The mayor extended one suggestion that the proposed new West Las Vegas Library could possibly be named for Dr. King.

However, it was the concensus of opinion at the

Open Community Forum that Co-Chairman Nolan and Burney should express to Mayor Braire and the City Council the community's continued desire to have Highland Drive renamed Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.

Those attending the Open Community Forum were: Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Jr., David L. Washington, Rose Smith, Assemblyman-Elect Wendell P. Williams, Mujahid Ramadan, Taalib Muhammed, Elyse L. Kirkland, Rev. C.C. Smith, Vergus Porter, Jr., Leonard Ladd, Maxine Porter, Charles Smith, Sarann Knight-Predy, Josh Elliott, Jr., Booker Burney, Larry Bolden, Gwyn Brown-Coleman, Faye Duncan-Daniel, Christine Duncan, Marsha Washington and Stanley Campbell.

It is planned that the Open Community Forum will be held every week during the month of January.



Businesswoman Alescia Buford, president of Alescia Buford & Associates, Inc. accepts an award presented by Hilliard Hamm, president of the West Coast Black Publishers Association for her outstanding contribution to the community as a public relations professional. Buford's firm, one of the most successful women-owned companies in the country, also enjoys an exemplary reputation for providing expertise as advertising and marketing consultants. The West Coast Black Publishers Association and the San Diego NAACP, two prestigious organizations joined together to host the awards banquet. This was a historic joint venture between two powerful groups dedicated to working for the betterment of the Black Community.

## NLV Approves Position For Neighborhood Watch Sergeant

Based on recommendations of the Mayor's special task force for crime prevention, the North Las Vegas City Council has approved a full-time position for a Neighborhood Watch Sergeant, effective January 1, 1987.

\*Distributing pamphlets explaining how to make homes more secure; and  
\*Coordinating all aspects of the Neighborhood Watch program, from reporting procedures to neighborhood communications and meeting schedules.

The responsibilities associated with the position of Neighborhood Watch Sergeant include:

Chairman of the Special Task Force, Councilman William Robinson explained that "the Neighborhood Watch Sergeant is a valuable link between the citizens and the police department. This type of program gives our law enforcement officers great assistance in preventing crime in our community by enlisting the aide of the citizens to help overcome crime within their own neighborhoods."

\*Organizing groups of citizens who watch their neighborhood and alert the Police Department as to suspicious persons of suspicious activity;  
\*Presenting educational programs to enlighten the citizens in order to help reduce the crime rate;

## NAACP Sues Citadel For Racial Terrorism

Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman of The National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced that the NAACP has filed a discrimination lawsuit against the Citadel and others affiliated with the college for "acts of racial terrorism" resulting in a Cadete dropping out of the school.

Chairman Gibson said, that the South Carolina State NAACP had joined with former Black Cadet Kevin Nesmith in an \$880,000.00 discrimination suit. Gibson said that the suit was filed in the U.S. District Court in Charleston, S.C. at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The suit alleges that Kevin Nesmith, one of a handful of

Black freshmen Cadets at The Citadel, a public military college, was subjected to a series of racist acts after Citadel authorities and other Cadets learned of his affiliation with the Afro-American Society. The NAACP claims that Citadel officials, including the President of the Citadel, Major General James A. Grimsley, Jr., has supported historical patterns of racial harrasment, including the Nesmith affair.

The NAACP further claims that Citadel officials were aware that White Cadets participated in dressing as members of the Ku Klux Klan and burned a paper cross in Nesmith's room while he slept.

The school's inaction, the

complaint asserts, against evidence of the Citadel's the White Cadets in further

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6. I dislike having to get dressed up to go out
7. Early hotel check-out times are annoying
8. People place too much emphasis on sex these days
9. Moral values are lower now than ever before
10. Love and commitment should precede sex