

NORTHERN NEVADA ON THE MOVE



Founder of the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society, Ondra Berry, (L) makes a presentation to Mary Slagle and Ron Zurek, (R) president of First International Bank, for their continued support and community service in Northern Nevada.

The fact that Columbus didn't discover America was a prevalent subject at the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society's Martin Luther King Banquet. The banquet, held Jan. 21, featured speaker Jwanza Kunjufu.

Dr. Kunjufu is a Chicago-based educational consultant. Kunjufu is author of several publications on black children, which include "Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys Volume I, II and III", "Developing Positive Self Images and Discipline for Black Children", and "To Be Popular or Smart: The Black Peer Group." He also conducts workshops across the country on how to improve black students' academic achievement.

Kunjufu spoke to nearly 700 people at the black tie event on multi-cultural education you must look at events in history from all perspectives. For example Europeans will tell you that Columbus discovered America, Native Americans will tell you that he was lost and that they discovered him. If you look at slavery, Europeans will tell you how it benefitted America's economy, African-Americans will tell you how it nearly devastated the black family. He also stressed that black history shouldn't only be taught during February. "How

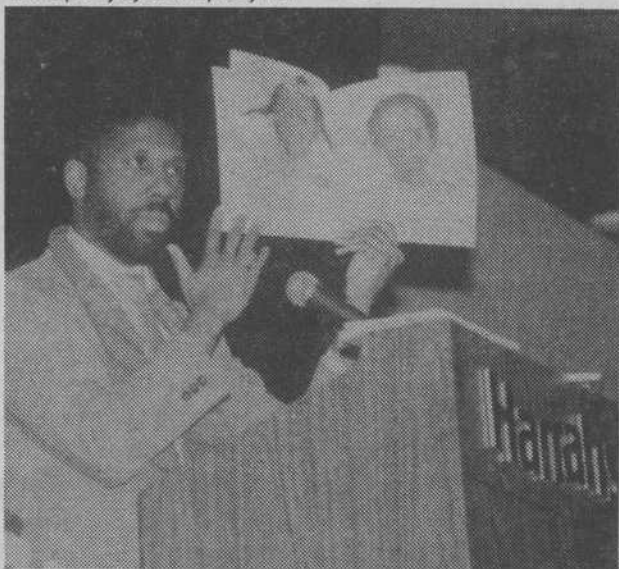
can you teach four million years in one month?" Kunjufu asked.

"Douglas should be taught when you teach about Lincoln, they lived at the same time. King should be taught when you teach Kennedy, they lived at the same time."

Kunjufu elucidated about the negative messages we send our children. He said that when children are young, everyone is beautiful. As they grow up they develop ideas about what is attractive, based on what they have been taught. If blonde hair and blue eyes are pretty or you talk about pretty eyes and pretty hair

then children automatically figure out what is ugly. If the opposite of "pretty" is a mirror image of themselves, this will have a negative impact on their self image.

Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams (Dist. 6, Las Vegas) was present to read a resolution from the State Assembly in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. A Community Service Award was given to First Interstate Bank as the organization that has demonstrated outstanding service to further cultural awareness in the Truckee Meadows.



Dr. Jwanza Kunjufu illustrates to a captive audience of over 600 people, the importance of developing positive self-images



Verita Black, Mina Johnson and Angie Taylor (L-R) pose at the Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration held inside Harrah's Reno.

LOCAL AUTHOR ALLEGES HE WAS ATTACKED BY FIVE METRO OFFICERS

by Muhammad Abdullah

Local author of "Las Vegas Post Mortem" Larry Kepler, a book chronicling 38 justifiable homicides of the Metropolitan Police Department is in the news again. Kepler alleges that while sitting on a bench in the court-

room hallway, after a recent coroner's inquest hearing, that he was attacked by five metro police officers. Kepler claims that the officer who attacked him was off duty.

The Sentinel-Voice was supplied with a medical report

from St. Rosa de Lima Hospital in Henderson that states that he received medical attention on January 19, after being transported to the emergency room via ambulance for pain to the ribs, back and head. According (See Local Author, Page 16)

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