

We sincerely hope that the African American press does not miss this golden opportunity to either endorse or at the least profile Ron Daniels and Lenora Fulani, two U.S. presidential candidates, regularly until November.

These profiles would serve to educate readers to their positions and platforms, much in the same way that George Bush, Bill Clinton, Jerry Brown and Ross Perot have commanded headlines in both the African American and non African American press.

Although both Fulani and Daniels have outstanding columns that run in the Pan African press, at this time HILTON: HIGHER EDUCA-TION will do a three part column that will serve to supplement their stated positions.

Readers will quickly see that Fulani and Daniels are veteran politicians with slightly diffrent ideologies. But both have consistantly stood firm on their programs.

Part one will highlight Dr. Lenora Fulani. Part two will cover Mr. Ron Daniels. Part three focuses on some of their real and percieved political differences. We strongly encourage students, voters and prospective voters to keep both eyes on the political ball. (714) 899-

## SCHOOL-BASED **COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Two community centers based at local schools are providing a refuge from the heat and the streets this summer for North Las Vegas youngsters.

The centers opened July 13 at C.V.T. Gilbert Sixth Grade Center, 2101 W. Cartier, and Jim Bridger Junior High School, 2505 N. Bruce St.

The centers will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through August 13.

Youths ages six to 18 are invited to the centers, where they can partake of a variety of recreational programming.

Each center is staffed by three recreational aides, whose salaries are being paid for by the Mirage Hotel & Casino. Several hundred youngsters have participated so far since the centers opened two-and-a-half weeks ago. There is no cost to participate in any of these activities.

A partnership among the Clark County School District, the Mirage and the city of North Las Vegas resulted in the community centers being established.

School Trustee John Rhodes, who represents the North Las Vegas area, approached the three groups with the idea to create the centers because he was concerned about the shortage of recreational opportunities for youngsters in those neighborhoods.

"We are providing the opportunity for young kids to get them off the streets and provide them with supervised recreation out of the heat of summer," Rhodes

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MR. RON DANIELS. Two years ago, Ron Daniels, the syndicated columnist, political analyst and assistant campaign manager for Jesse Jackson in 1988, announced that he was "seriously exploring" his own independent run for President in 1992.

Today, Ron Daniels still represents a voice and position in the '92 election season that has been silent-at least from the two candidates representing the democratic and republican parties.

Who is Ron Daniels? Among other things he advocates D.C. statehood, a slowdown in prision construction to boost social spending and reparations to descendants of African "slaves".

The fifty year old Daniels has a B.A. in History from Youngstown University of New York at Albany and has done doctoral studies at Union Graduate School.

Ron Daniels is currently President of the Institute for Community Organization and Development in Youngstown. In that capacity, he has served as a consultant to a number of organizations and agencies nationwide. He is regarded by some as one of the premier theoreticians and practitioners of Independent Black politics over the last two decades

Daniels served as President of the National Black Political Assembly from 1970-1980. He was one of the principal architects of the National Black Political Assembly's 76 Strategy which projected the idea of an independent African American presidential candidate in 1976.

In 1977, he was an independent candidate for Mayor of Youngstown, where he garnered nearly 20% of the vote in a three way contest - more votes than any independent candidate for mayor in the history of the city.

In 1980, Ron Daniels was the Chairperson of the Founding Convention of the National Black Independent Political Party and was later elected Co-chairperson of NBIPP.

According to press releases, Daniels has served as a speaker, panelist and resource person for more than 500 colleges and universities and national and international conferences and conventions over the past 20 years.

His work as a political analyst, lecturer and author has taken him to Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Liberia, Guyana, Jamaica, Barbados, Dominica, Antigua, Grenada, Cuba and Hungary.

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Two community meetings will be held in August by the school district's Adult Education Department to advise adults who did not finish high school about options available to recieve a GED certificate and/or high school diploma.

The meeting will be held on August 6 at 7 p.m. at the North Las Vegas Library, and on August 8 at 10 a.m. at the West Las Vegas Library.

School district officials and

school board member John Rhodes will be available to answer questions and offer encouragement to those who attend. Additional meetings are being planned in other areas of the

Last year, almost 1,200 adults were tested for GED certification through the Clark County School District, according to Julee Henson, GED chief examiner. "We consider GED certification the first step for

high school diploma," Henson explained.

"Once the GED is successfully completed, we encourage adults to enroll in adult education classes and acquire the credits they need to actually recieve a high school diploma or learn a marketable vocational skill."

Adult education classes are offered at 53 locations throughout the Las Vegas valley. Hen-

adults who did not recieve their son explained that theses classes are free for adults age 17 or older and are offered daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Last year, approximately 8,500 people enrolled in the adult education

> Adult education classes and GED preparation classes are individually tailored to each student's needs. Students may enroll at any time during the year and are encouraged to progress at their own rate.

### SIUPINIA LEADERS TO ATTEN

Approximately 70 Southern Nevada students will use an August camping trip to map out strategies for the coming year to fight drug and alcohol use and abuse on their campuses and in their communities.

The students will gather August 10-15 on Mt. Charleston at the Division Youth Camp for the 1992 Nevada State Leadership Camp sponsored by STATUS, Students Taking Action to Terminate Unlawful Substances. They will be joined by about 60 Northern Nevada stu-

Participating students are all involved in some form of substance abuse prevention or education group, such as SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving and Drugs) or STATUS.

They will spend the week developing plans to deliver their message more effectively among their peers, said Jim Shoop, substance abuse specialist for the Clark County School District.

Throughout the week, students will participate in workshops on such topics as cultural diversity, addiction and recovery, prevention efforts and targeting their message to a specific audience.

They will meet with recovering students and with members of Metro's drug identification unit. They will also hold a drug-free

variety show featuring songs, skits and other entertainment that send a drug-free message.

This is the seventh year for the camp. It is funded by the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Nevada Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BEGINNING**

Elementary schools throughout the Las Vegas valley will register students that are new to the Clark County School District in August. The first day of school for all students is August 24.

All schools have set aside days in early August to register students in order to avoid long lines and to ensure adequate teacher staffing. To eliminate potential problems concerning registration, contact the elementary school your child is zoned to attend after August 3.

Documents that are required for registering

students include a birth certificate, immunization record and two proofs of residence, like a rent receipt or utility bill. A second dose of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) is now required for kindergarten and first grade students. For more information about immunization requirements. contact the Clark County Health District at 383-1357

Parents who do not know what school their child should attend can call the school district's Demographics and Zoning Section at 799-7573.



