

WEST COAST BLACK PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION TO SET SAIL OCT. 14-17

(Los Angeles, CA)-It was recently announced by Bernie Foster, president of the West Coast Black Publishers Association (WCBPA), and Publisher of the Portland Skanner and the Seattle Skanner, that due to logistical changes, the organization will host its ninth annual convention October 14-17, 1992 at the Claremont Resort & Spa in Oakland, California. Dr. Ruth Love, former Superintendent of Chicago public schools, and the much esteemed Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett are Host Publishers for the 1992 conference and have planned an enjoyable as well as informative affair. This year the conference will include an "On The Town" dinner at the Gingerbread House in support of Black Business and a "Power Mixer" at Geoffrey's. October 15th, WCBPA will depart from Jack London Square for their community awards dinner as they cruise the bay harbor on the Blue and Gold vessel.

Appropriately themed "Publishers as Advocates, An Agenda for the 21st Century," the confab will bring together Black Publishers from the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado

and California who will address the vital issues that challenge to threaten and diminish the voice of the African American community. "WCBPA is committed to objectively publishing and reporting the news of the black community which would otherwise go unnoticed," states Foster.

Through various workshops and seminars, the association plans to develop and implement methods to become a more powerful influence within the community.

"This is not just another gathering of corporate and local business marketing their products," states Dr. Love. "Our convention has pulled together the west coast's top corporate executives, financial authorities, political leaders and local business professionals for an intensive four day program. During the various workshops we will address strategies for avoiding conflicts of interest as we rediscover our cities, explore untapped revenue sources, form tactics for collective bargaining and negotiating and focus on the importance of financial investment in our youth to ensure the profitability and

survival of African American businesses."

WCBPA member publishers know that the print media is essential and that it is imperative for African Americans to read in order to succeed against seemingly insurmountable odds in society. They know that what readers have to say is equally important and deserves to be heard.

Bernie Foster states, "We have survived because we have something special to offer that other newspapers do not have. Our publications are a crusading medium, and WCBPA is the concerned voice of the minority community."

Confirmed sponsors at press time include: House of Seagram, Kraft General Foods, R.J. Reynolds, Inc., Canadian Club, Nordstrom, Blue Cross of California, The California Lottery, Artesa Media and Reebok. For more information regarding the WCBPA and the 1992 convention or should you like to purchase individual event tickets, please contact the office of the Convention Director, Alescia Buford & Associated Public Relations Counsel at (818)995-6545.

LVABSE MAKES A LAWSUIT STATEMENT UPDATE

By Muhammed Abdullah

In its recent "News Update" Summer 1992 issue, the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators (LVABSE) made the following lawsuit statement to update its members, volunteers, and supporters.

In the midst of a possible renewal of WAAK-UP's boycott against the Clark County School

District recently, Marzette Lewis, President of WAAK-UP, wanted let readers know know that the LVABSE lawsuit had nothing to do with their efforts. Lewis stated that WAAK-UP began after her son was molested on a Clark County School District bus, and after fruitless efforts to get some action she decided to go public and get

other parents involved in getting resolutions to problems plaguing parents and school children. The school district had alleged that there was a conspiracy between WAAK-UP and LVABSE and in fact, each organization just recently, became aware of each others efforts.

The following statement was acquired by the SENTINEL-

VOICE to give readers a status report on the recent Class Action Lawsuit filed by LVABSE.

The Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators (LVABSE), joining eight Black parents and 13 Black students filed a lawsuit with the Federal District Court charging Clark County School District's Board of Trustees and Superintendent Brian Cram with system wide racial discrimination and segregation.

When the Board of Trustees purged the school district of virtually all its top ranking Black administrators in the spring of 1989, the Alliance filed papers (lawsuit) in Federal District Court. On Tuesday, February 20, 1990 the papers were revised from the initial May 1989 filing, which substantially expanded the issues to be tried in Federal District Court.

Specifically, the revised complaint submitted in February 1990 contends that the Board of Trustees and its Superintendent have taken the following racially discriminatory actions to create and maintain system-wide racial segregation designed to benefit white students by placing the primary burden on Black students:

- 1) Manipulating school attendance zones and feeder patterns to make student enrollments racially segregated;
- 2) Choosing sites for school construction and additions in a manner which increases racial segregation;
- 3) Deliberately utilizing grade structures which create or maintain racial segregation;
- 4) Practicing racial discrimination in hiring, assigning, promoting and demoting adminis-

trators, teachers and school support staff; and

5) Failing or refusing to develop or select classroom textbooks and the curricula material which accurately reflect the role played by Blacks in this country.

The plaintiffs prevailed in Federal Court when the case

was certified as a Class Action Lawsuit, representing more than 17,000 Black students in Clark County, Nevada. However, on October 31, 1991, the lawsuit was dismissed by Judge Lloyd George for summary judgement filed by the Clark County School District. On November 1, 1991, (See LVABSE, Page 7)

*You and your guests
are cordially invited to attend
The Nevada Black Chamber
of Commerce
Ninth Annual Installation Banquet*

*Saturday, October 17, 1992
Flamingo Hilton Hotel and Casino*



*Guest Speaker
Oscar J. Coffey, Jr., President CEO
National Black Chamber of Commerce
Oakland, California*

*6:30 p.m. - General Reception
7:30 p.m. - Installation Banquet*

*R.S.V.P. by October 10, 1992 Donation: \$50.00 in advance
\$60.00 at door*

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**Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP**

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Las Vegas Branch election process will be conducted during a three-month period.

- Nominating Committee Elected
Sunday, October 11, 1992 - 3:00 p.m.
- Nominating Committee Report
Sunday, November 8, 1992 - 3:00 p.m.
- Branch Election
Sunday, December 20, 1992 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All of these meetings will be held at the Heritage Lounge in the Nucleus Plaza Center, 1012 West Owens Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada (646-1662.) Members in good standing can participate.

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The Nevada Voters League will host its next Candidate's Night on Monday, October 19, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moulin Rouge Casino, 900 West Bonanza, Las Vegas.

Remember, you lose your Hope if your fail to Vote.

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The Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP will be hosting their Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, October 24, 1992 at Bally's Grand Hotel in the Grand Ballroom. This year our theme is "Honoring Our Past, Fulfilling Our Present, Preparing for Our Future." Funding from this banquet, in particular will help us rebuild our office that was recently destroyed by fire as well as allowing us to continue to work together to create a climate of public opinion in favor of equal rights and human brotherhood.