

THE KING REPORT

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMITTEE OF LAS VEGAS

By Wendell P. Williams
King Committee to Sponsor
Education Info Line

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Las Vegas will sponsor an education information telephone line that will be set up and operated by the Westside Action Alliance Korp-Uplifting People (WAAK-UP). This donation to WAAK-UP was done by the committee with hopes of showing support to the community-based organization.

The WAAK-UP efforts since last spring have pushed the agenda of equity in education to new levels of awareness and change. And the MLK committee would like to help more people become involved and informed about WAAK-UP's meetings and plans for the education of children by donating the telephone information line to the group.

Secondly, the committee is pleased to make the donation to WAAK-UP to serve as a token of its desire to work together with other organizations with similar goals.

Applications for the
upcoming 12th Annual King

Parade are currently
being accepted.

The Martin Luther King Birthday Parade held annually has become the largest in Nevada. Applications are now being accepted for the January 16, 1993 parade.

Parade chairman Eddie Taylor encourages those who plan to participate to submit an entry form as soon as possible. Positions in the parade are placed according to when they are received. About 50 entries have already been submitted. For more info and entry forms contact Eddie Taylor at 648-8440.

Essay Contest Underway

For the second year the King Committee will again sponsor an essay contest for 6th-12th graders. The two top essay winners will each receive a \$500 savings bond. The awards will be presented at the Annual King Banquet on Sat., January 16th at Ballys Resort. Deadline for submitting essays is December 9th 1992. For information and essay theme call 438-9134.

Bank of America and King
Committee Planning

Job Fair

The West Las Vegas targeted branch of Bank of America is set to open February 1, 1993 at the southwest corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Washington Avenue. With an agreement to assure that employees at the new branch are African Americans, the King Committee agreed to host and conduct a Job Fair prior to the bank's opening, to seek qualified candidates for employment.

Committee Holding
Weekly Meetings

The MLK Committee is currently meeting each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Mabel Hoggard School. Meetings are open to members and non members. The committee has an open membership and invites all community minded persons to join. The meetings are weekly up until January, due to the large amount of planning and working that has to be done for the 12th Annual King Week celebration.

Thanksgiving donations
accepted.

The Annual Thanksgiving Assistance program for needy families is now accepting donations of food and money for

Thanksgiving. Each year the MLK Committee gives turkeys and food baskets to families. Any donations to this program will be welcomed. For donations call 938-9134.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER TO OPEN IN NUCLEUS PLAZA

Nevada Business Services in conjunction with educational, social and private organizations will open a Community Resource Center in the previously burned out portion of Nucleus Plaza shopping center during November of 1992. This center will provide job training and placement for West Las Vegas residents. This is the first time a concerted effort has been made to bring job training programs into the neighborhoods.

A portion of the shopping center, has been remodeled and will house the Center. It will serve as a one stop shop for evaluation, job skills assessment, training, retraining and placement. It will be staffed by Nevada Business Services, the Nevada Employment Security Department, Community College of Southern Nevada, The Learning Center, County Social Services, Nevada State Welfare and other agencies. The idea behind the Center is to amalgamate a wide variety of job placement services into one body at one location.

Councilman Frank Hawkins

The Martin Luther King Committee of Las Vegas is a non profit organization founded in 1981. The organization addresses an agenda that includes education, employment, eco-

nomics, hunger and homelessness, the criminal justice system and equality everywhere. Dr. Tyree Carr is the chairman of the board of directors with a general membership of seventy-five. recently stated that the Community Resource Center is a prime example of how the community is trying to better serve residents of West Las Vegas. "If the people are unable to get the training and help they need to find jobs, then the training and assistance should go to the people. In other words, we're ordering "opportunity" to stand on their front porches and knock. Every one entering the center can be assured of at least receiving an assessment of their job readiness whether they qualify for a particular program or not."

The center will function in this manner. A person desiring help in finding a job will apply in person at the facility. At that time he or she will fill out a single application and complete a single assessment. This initial paperwork would then be used to determine which agency or agencies within the center will best serve the applicant's needs and which services they are eligible for. The information would be passed to the appropriate entity. This in-house referral system means that all contacts

could be established at one location instead of shuffling the applicant from agency to agency to receive services as in the past.

The new Community Resources Center will provide classroom space for each of the participating agencies. For example, the College of Southern Nevada will teach basic reading and language skills. Nevada State Welfare will offer their Job Opportunity Basic Skills (JOBS) program for those on welfare. The Learning Center will offer computer skills training for workers eligible for federal assistance. Nevada Business Services will provide job retention workshops, Job Seeking Skills Instruction, Basic Skills Training, and Job Club. In essence, the Community Resource Center will greatly curtail the duplication of services which exist throughout the various job training programs and centralize them for the convenience of job seekers in West Las Vegas.

NAACP & YOU
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vada at the Student Union Building of the University of Las Vegas, (UNLV).

MARCH - Observed Black Dollar Days, through the participation of most of the Banks in Southern Nevada. Each bank branch was asked to have on hand \$10,000. In Two dollar bills and Susan B. Anthony dollars for its customers. This was so the NAACP could demonstrate the actual, as well as the potential, buying power of Blacks in Southern Nevada.

APRIL - Our office was burned down during the uprising in West, Las Vegas.

MAY - Raised \$17,000 to rebuild the NAACP office. Held a successful NAACP membership celebration, writing 300 additional memberships.

JUNE - Participated in the formulation of Mayor Jan Laverty-Jones. Task force to rebuild and reconstruct West Las Vegas Committee.

JULY - Attended NAACP National Convention in Nash- (See NAACP, Page 20)

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
& QUESTIONS CONTACT:**

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