

# MAYOR TO OPEN LEARNING CENTER COMMUNITY SKILLS OFFICE



New program will work closely with the Multijurisdictional Community Empowerment Commission's Subcommittee on Employment. The MCEC was formed by Mayor Jan Jones and City Councilman Frank Hawkins after April's civil unrest.

Las Vegas Mayor Jan Lavery Jones presided over the grand opening/ribbon cutting of an occupational training center located in Nucleus Plaza, which will serve residents of the predominantly black neighborhood hardest hit by civil unrest following the Rodney King verdict. The Training Center held its opening Monday, November 9th at Nucleus Plaza, 950 W. Owens.

This program has worked closely with the Multijurisdictional Community Empowerment Commission (MCEC) Subcom-

mittee on Employment and Training. MCEC was formed by Mayor Jones and Councilman Frank Hawkins, Jr., to address the needs of the area.

The Learning Center will provide ten-week training courses to economically disadvantaged individuals preparing them for future careers in the fields of Computer Office Specialist, Computerized Accounting Specialist, Medical Billing Assistant, Customer Service Representative and Bank Teller. All curriculums focus on Busi-

ness, English, Math and professional development. Students also receive five weeks of personal computer training products such as DOS, Lotus, WordPerfect and Computerized Accounting. Local business support has been pledged through apprenticeship programs by First Western Bank, First Interstate Bank, Southwest Gas, Palace Station and the Horseshoe Ho-

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND

By Lieutenant Cliff Davis, L.V.M.P.D.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Northwest Area Command is composed of nine (9) patrol districts serving a population of two hundred ninety thousand (290,000).

The Northwest Area Command Substation is located at Jones Boulevard and the Expressway with office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Some of the services offered by our office staff include, but are not limited to, crime reports, traffic accident reports, and gun registrations.

The purpose of this column is to communicate to the citi-

zenry served how they can best utilize the services of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and to explain the "why" and the "necessity" of certain police practices. If the readers have specific areas of police policy and procedure they wish addressed they can contact this writer by phone at 229-4245 or 229-3422, and the topic will be thoroughly researched and responded to in this column so that all readers will be informed.

As a police officer with twenty-three (23) years experience in Las Vegas I feel that I am personally knowledgeable of the problems and concerns about the job of law enforcement, from both the citizen perspective and the police officer perspective. It is my wish to create an atmosphere of understanding and improve police-community relations so all persons can enjoy their Constitutional Rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

located in Nucleus Plaza, which will provide a variety of job training and related services. The center will be staffed by Nevada Business Services, Nevada Employment Security Department, Community College of Southern Nevada, The Learning Center, Clark County Social Service Department, Nevada Division of Welfare and other agencies.

tel. The apprenticeship program transitions an individual from school to work through a 2,000 hour on-the-job work supervised experience program. This is the only office-related apprenticeship program in the State of Nevada and considered a "model program" by the Department of Labor.

The Learning Center is part of a community resource center,

### THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott  
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### NAACP Nominating Committee Meets

On Sunday, November 8, 1992, at 3:00 p.m., the Las Vegas Branch NAACP held its monthly branch meeting at the Heritage Lounge, 1012 West Owens Avenue.

The only item on the agenda was to receive the nominating Committee Report presented by its chairman, State Senator Joe Neal.

After the report was received the nominating committee was dismissed.

The branch President opened the floor to receive other nominations, beginning with the president and ending with everyone seeking to place his or her name on the ballot for the branch's December 20 elections to be held at the Heritage Lounge, 1012 W. Owens Avenue from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00

p.m. When all the nominations had been made and adopted, an election Supervisory Committee was elected to prepare the ballot and make all the arrangements for the election.

A motion was made and passed to approve the election Supervisory Committee.

Subsequently, a motion was passed to set a cut off date of November 20, 1992 after which no one will be able to Vote in the December 20, 1992.

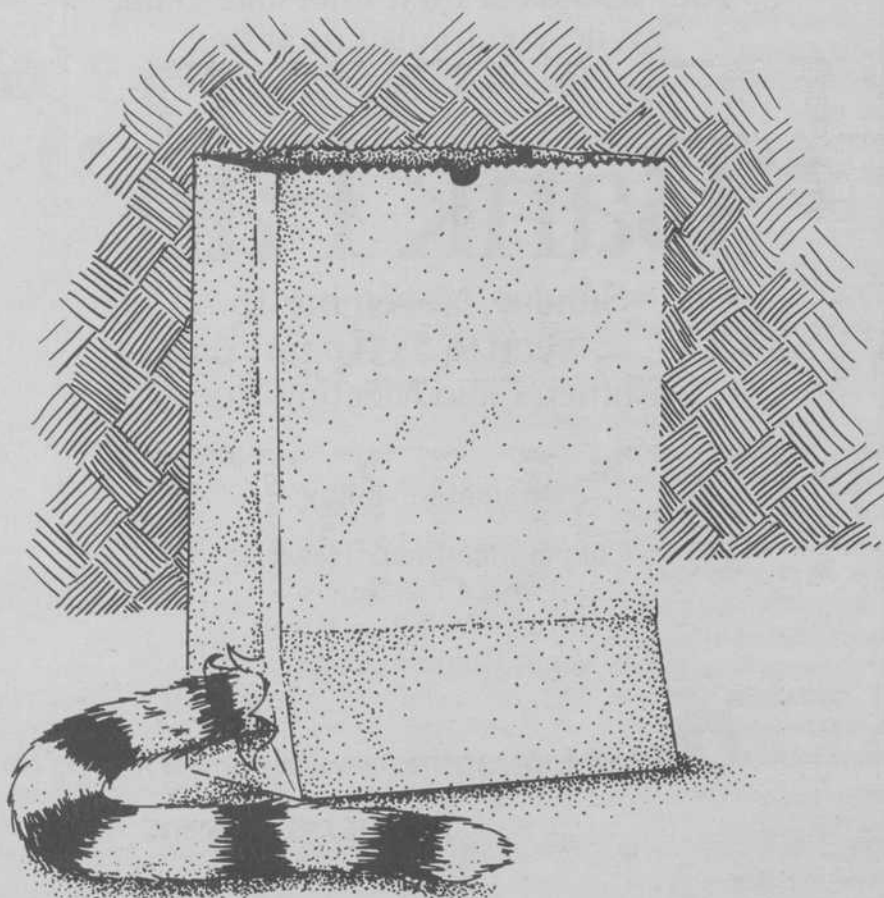
The president informed the membership that he was instructing the branch Secretary to write a letter to the membership Division of the National Office NAACP listing of all members who receive their annual dues from Nevada.

Approximately one hundred people were present at the meeting most of whom signed consent forms setting forth their desire to serve as an officer or a member of the Executive Committee for the next two years. The sad part of this story is that more than 80% of those who signed those consent forms either have not been to a NAACP meeting ever or more than two meetings in the last two years.

Notwithstanding those facts, everyone was allowed to participate. I challenged them rather than condemned them by saying if they would pin the programmatic thrust of the NAACP and go to work, we should be able, in a short period of time, to put on the NAACP membership rolls 10,000 new members, which is only 10% of African Americans in Clark County. The NAACP hopes to hire an Executive Director and a Lawyer on retainer to do its work.

Don't forget to Vote! NAACP elections will be held on Sunday, December 20, 1992 from 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.

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