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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

**NAACP AND U.S. BANK ANNOUNCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER IN LAS VEGAS**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and U.S. Bank of Nevada have formed a partnership to establish the West's first NAACP Community Development Resource Center (CDRC) in Nevada. The CDRC, to be located in Las Vegas, is designed to promote community development lending and to facilitate access to credit within the state's low and moderate income communities. The CDRC will be fully funded by U.S. Bank for an initial period of three years.



On hand to witness and sign the partnership between the NAACP and U.S. Bank of Nevada for the Community Development Resource Center are, (L-R), Fred Rasheed, NAACP Director, Economic Development Program; Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., NAACP Executive Director; Peter Landis, President/CEO, U.S. Bank of Nevada; Frank Hawkins, Las Vegas City Councilman; and Dr. William Gibson, NAACP Chairman.

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The two primary goals of the CDRC are education and financial advocacy, for both consumers and businesses, through needs assessment and direct community interaction.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING III
TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON**

The son of famous civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., Martin Luther King III, will be the featured speaker at a special scholarship awards luncheon to acknowledge local 1994 scholarship award winners.



MARTIN LUTHER KING III

The event, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Committee of Las Vegas, will take place on Saturday, April 30 at noon at the historic Moulin Rouge, 900 W. Bonanza Road. The event will honor 10 Clark county students with \$1,000 scholarships.

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HERB BROWN NAMED U.S. MARSHAL

Herb Brown, former North Las Vegas Police Department assistant police chief, was sworn in last Friday as U.S. marshal of Nevada.

Dozens of Nevada politicians, police officers, friends and family turned out for the swearing in of Brown, who served 21 years as a police officer

and who will be in charge of 16 U.S. deputies in Las Vegas and six in Reno. U.S. marshals are responsible for providing security in federal courts and protecting federal judges. They maintain custody of federal prisoners, track down fugitives and manage as-

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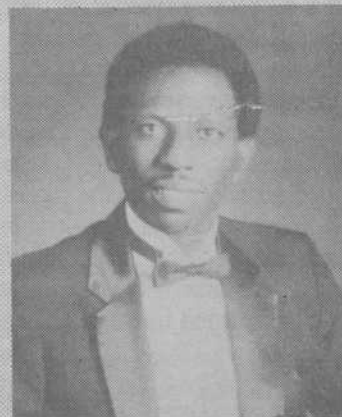


The newest U.S. Marshall, Herb Brown (center) is flanked by his son Kevin and his wife Everlena. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

**BLACK FIREFIGHTERS WIN LEGAL DECISION
AGAINST CLARK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

By Victor S. Tatum

When Benny Scott joined the Clark County Fire Department twenty-one years ago, he had fond ambitions of making it into a career, reaping the incredible promotional opportunities the department boasted of. He later learned that these opportunities were beyond his reach based upon the color of his skin. Scott was part of a victorious effort by a 17 member class action suit against the Clark County Fire Department. Last Tuesday, April 12, a federal judge decided in the group's behalf against the department for violating the civil rights of the plaintiffs.



BENNY SCOTT

but a victory for all of civil rights," said Scott.

Judge Mary Johnson Lowe decided in a 62-page ruling that for years the department was rife with racial harassment. She further note that the civil rights of black firefighters were violated.

Scott called the victory a major milestone for all who demand equal treatment in the workplace. "This is not just a victory for the firefighters,

It would take nearly 10 years and over \$ 300,000 in legal fees for a positive reply from the courts. Allegations of overt racial harassment and job discrimination were presented. Scott says the department fostered racial insensitivity towards blacks. He described various experiences where black firemen were

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**AIDS IN THE COMMUNITY
HOW WE'RE LOSING GROUND
IN THE BATTLE AGAINST AIDS**

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By Victor S. Ingram

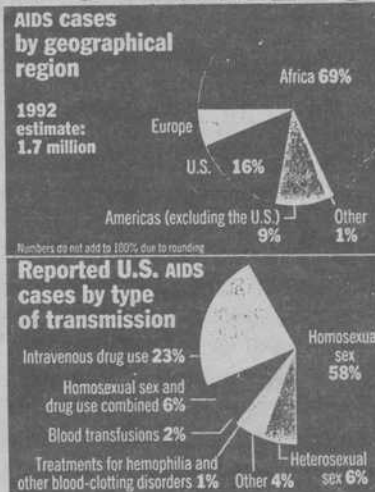
The University Medical Center's one-hundred north ward has become the unofficial home of the Las Vegas effort to combat the AIDS virus. Patients battle aids related complications, enduring suffering beyond passionate levels. Chronic weight loss associated with weakness and toxicity from an assortment of medications makes for unbearable final-days as patients await the grim outcome of the disease. "It becomes very sad when a patient asks you if he's going to die, and you have to tell him yes," says one hospital staffer.

The AIDS virus has received its share of worldwide coverage for its devastating affects on society. The presence in the African American community, however, has been underplayed for various reasons. One, the propensity of African Americans afflicted with the disease fall into categories of IV drug abusers, prostitutes, or vagrants. These people are oftentimes typified as human waste; therefore, society has

given little attention to their plight. AIDS, as a disease, has been allowed to virtually exist without any connotative face placed upon it.

This reality changed when superstar athlete Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced he was HIV positive in October of 1991. Previously regarded as an exclusively white, gay disease, AIDS hit home for an African American community stunned with the prospect of losing one of its most cherished heroes to the disease. Known for his fearless assault against 7-foot plus centers during his glory days in the NBA, Magic's smile would be no more. He somberly announced during a worldwide press conference that he tested positive for the deadly virus. "The effect was almost immediate," says Lionel Starks, the Clark County Health Department's AIDS outreach coordinator.

Starks performs various educational seminars and provides counseling for families of those afflicted with the disease. He noted the incredible response the county health district received when



Magic made his momentous announcement. "We saw AIDS testing go up over 50%," says Starks. Magic would tell all in an autobiography about his incredible sexual exploits. He would talk of orgies and limitless sexual fantasies. His partners were immeasurable and he couldn't begin to isolate the disease to an individual partner. Johnson would admit he had a woman in every city and

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