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## Las Vegas Looking Forward to MLK Parade and Banquet



Slain Civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would have been 67 this year.

By Nichole Davis, Sentinel-Voice

The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee will end this week's King holiday festivities with an Interfaith Service, a parade and a banquet.

Eight different groups will be represented at the Interfaith Service to be held at the First African Episcopal Church, 2450 Revere St., on Thursday. The free program begins at 7 p.m.

"One of the most important events that we host has been our Interfaith Service," says Belinda Thompson, spokesperson for the King Committee.

"Our Interfaith Services actually allow us to expound upon the faith of Dr. King, that men should be judged by the content of their character not the color of their skin. It allows us to explore and appreciate different ethnicities, their culture and their religious background.

"There's usually something from every different background. Sometimes we have to get back to basics and remind people that Dr. King stood for all Americans, not just African-Americans. He walked the picket lines with people of the Jewish faith. There were all types of ethnicities who participated in the March on Washington," she says.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Kappa League, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Upward Bound program are

just three of the local groups scheduled to appear in Saturday's 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade.

The starting time is at 10 a.m., and this is the route:

The parade will start at Las Vegas Boulevard and Gass Avenue. Participants will travel north on Las Vegas Boulevard to Ogden Avenue, where they will turn east. The parade ends at Ogden Avenue and 7th Street.

Retiring Judge Addeliar Guy and Clark County School District Area Superintendent Eva Simmons will be the event's grand marshals.

Guy and Simmons were chosen for their involvement, wealth of knowledge and respect they have brought to the community, says Thompson.

"This is just one way we can thank them for the services they have provided through the years to our community. Without leaders and role models such as Miss Simmons and Judge Guy, our youth of today would not have the type of leadership that they have been afforded the opportunity to model their own lives after.

"For that day, they are made in essence honorary members of our committee. They lead off our parade, and they will be our honored guests at our banquet," Thompson says.

Guy steps down from the bench on Friday after serving nearly 21 years as the first black District Court judge in Clark County.

Simmons has been a founding member of the 31-year-old Les Femme Douze program, a community service-oriented debutante group, and the Black Community Organizations Network (B-COM).

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Simmons has been an educational pioneer, serving as the first black superintendent in the nation's 11th largest school district.

In 1989, she was promoted to her area superintendent where she oversees 23 elementary schools in southwestern Las Vegas and five rural community schools, says Ray Willis, a spokesperson for the school district.

The week's festivities will conclude with the 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Mirage Hotel and Casino, 3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd. A limited number of seats for the event are still available. Tickets cost \$50 for adults and \$35 for students.

Jawanza Kunjufu, author of *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys Volumes 1, 2 and 3*, will give the keynote address.

## Judge Addeliar Guy Steps Down From District Court

By Nichole Davis, Sentinel-Voice

The son of a police officer and a politically-active homemaker, serving the public was a value practiced throughout the life of Judge Addeliar Guy III, who will step down from the bench Friday after nearly 21 years in that position.

"The whole state will miss him," says former Gov. Mike O'Callaghan, who first appointed Guy to the Eighth Judicial District Court.

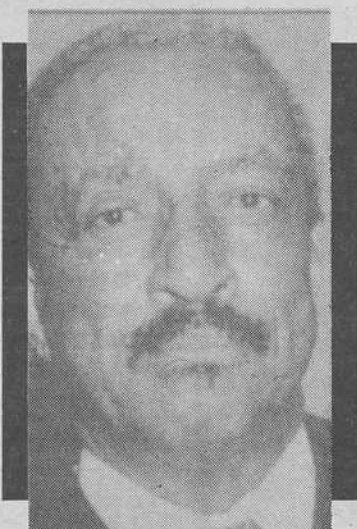
"People reach out for him. Other judges reach out for him. They respect

him, because they know he's not going to do anything but what's right," he says.

Respect, honesty and integrity are three words often used by family and friends to describe Guy, who first became attracted to the study of law while serving in the military.

"I did some court martials in the service, and I found I liked it," Guy says.

Guy, a Purple Heart designee, decided against doing legal work in the military despite having an exemplary record, because "you have too many



JUDGE ADDELIAR GUY III

ups and downs with changes in government."

He was also granted a Korean War service medal with two battle stars, a Meritorious Award medal, and a Combat Infantryman's badge during his 34 years in the military.

Before coming to the Silver State, Guy worked in civil and criminal work from 1957 to 1964 in Chicago. His efforts included the representation of police officers accused of brutality and of civil rights violations.

Guy moved to Las Vegas in 1964 and initially worked as an administrative assistant for Ted Marshall, the former

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## Two New AIDS Centers to Service West Las Vegas

By Nichole Davis, Sentinel-Voice

HIV/AIDS prevention education and a limited amount of client services will be available to West Las Vegas residents through two new community service organizations.

Allied Services for AIDS Prevention (ASAP) and Kasota Economic and Community Development Corporation, which both have links to Aid For AIDS of Nevada (AFAN), have limited funding but are both located closer to West Las Vegas than AFAN Central's new location at 2300 Rancho Road.

ASAP is located at 1044 N. Rancho Drive near Washington Avenue, and Kasota is located at 600 W. Owens in

the new NAACP building.

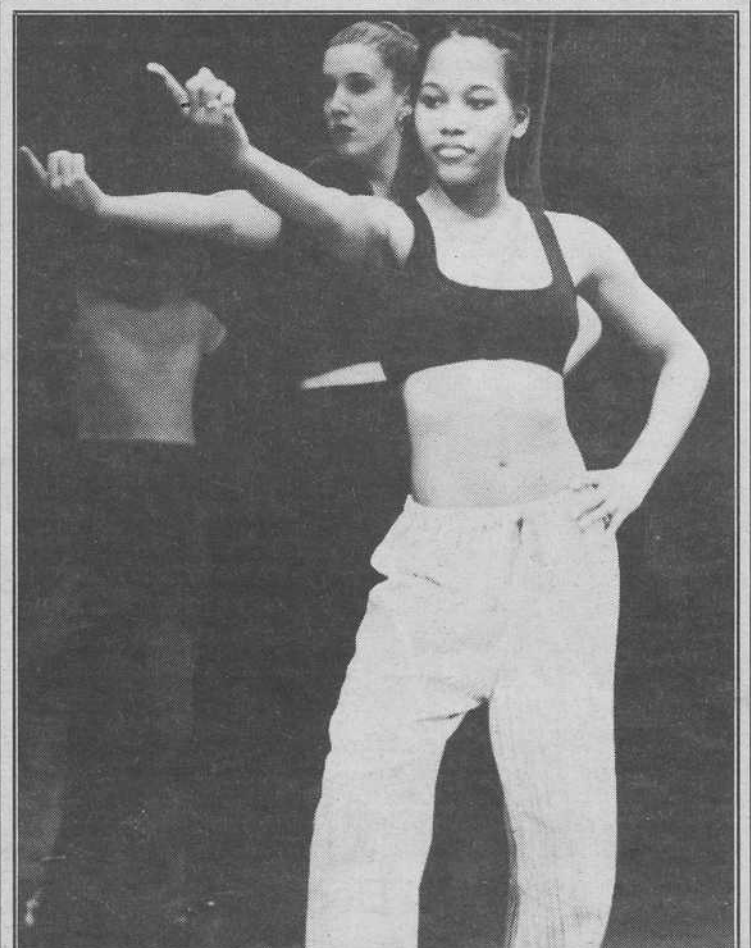
Though the two groups have separate missions, they have one common thread: They both want blacks to provide AIDS/HIV services and education to the West Las Vegas community.

Though she doesn't "want to badmouth AFAN," Ruby Pilot, ASAP's president and a former member of AFAN's executive board, focuses on client convenience and cultural sensitivity.

"There's a very real need for people of color to have the services convenient to them," Pilot said. "(AFAN is) located

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## YOUTH IN MOTION



Dancers from the group Enigma performed yesterday evening on Youth Night during the MLK week activities. See other related youth contributions on page 8.

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