

NATIONALLY-SANCTIONED

# Little League comes to West Las Vegas

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The Community Baseball League was established in 1993 in an effort to fill a void that existed since the late 60s. The Las Vegas Housing Authority, the City of Las Vegas, and dedicated volunteers were instrumental in bringing organized baseball to the West Las Vegas community. They started with nine teams and have expanded to twenty-five.

Starting this 1997 season, the teams will be sanctioned by

the National Little League Association, and the name is now the Community Little League. "Being sanctioned by the little league organization gives us the opportunity to compete on a local, state, regional, national level and the chance to go all the way to the Little League World Series," stated Ricky Towers, President of the local league.

Eric Jordan, commissioner for the t-ball division added, "the national association allows us to be able to bring a lot more

influence, revenue, and all the privileges that go along with being in the league into the community. The kids can have the same level of equipment, uniforms, and advertising that they have in other communities." The children will also be able to compete against other teams in the city.

The coaches recognize the importance of supporting the community and serving as role models and positive examples for the youth. "We need to come back and give back to the

community. If we as African-American men do not give back to our kids they will not get it," stated Eric Jordan. Some of the coaches and commissioners include: Anthony Jones, Greg McCurdy, Gene Collins, Robert Lewis, Henry Thornes, Ike Boagus, Eric Jordan, Ike Williams, Vince Jordan, Arthur Banks, and Adolf Huddleson.

Vince Jordan, commissioner for the rookies said, "as a coach I also deal with the child emotionally. When I coach, I try to find out what is happening at

home and in school and try to help them in any way I can." The coaches and parents work together to stress the importance of education. Children are suspended for not maintaining their grades.

The Community Little League encourages boys and girls between the ages of five and sixteen to participate in the five different divisions. "Some kids are not as coordinated as others and feel they do not want to come out. We will not restrict any child from coming out and playing," said Towers.

The season runs from late April to mid-July. Registration is being held at the McDonald's located at 2230 West Bonanza Road from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Jan. 25th, Feb. 1st and Feb. 8th. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, proof of residency, \$30 registration fee, and a \$10 fee for the parent club. For more information, call 390-8867.

"We look forward to raising strong young men and women that are competitive by nature and honorable by their character," said Eric Jordan.

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## Militant

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that it also underscores King's unwavering commitment to racial reconciliation.

King understood that the mission of the African-American struggle for justice was to reconcile America with its ideals, to reconcile it to the self-evident truth that all human beings do have fundamental rights which must be respected.

King's words, from the March on Washington, and from so many other occasions, still move us because they constitute a powerful indictment against bigotry and an insistent, moral demand that those who are its targets must be free. And they also always identify the means of redemption and reconciliation.

President Clinton did not specify last week how that "right sort of spirit" could be fostered which would enable Americans to close some of the gaps that exist among us. He left it up to his listeners there at the breakfast, and to us all to think about.

Here are four suggestions:  
We could dedicate ourselves to closing the gap between what white students and minority students achieve on standardized tests. A study

released last month reported that, after years of narrowing, the gap has begun widening again. We need to take action to make sure that gap continues to close.

Secondly, we need to end those policies and practices of the police — such as the discriminatory traffic stops of black motorists — which have eroded trust in and respect for the police among law-abiding African-American and Latino-American citizens.

Third, we must re-double our efforts to show that tolerance and equal opportunity for all is not just morally correct, but an economic necessity for America.

And finally, we must bring the poor and jobless of our inner cities into the economic loop by enabling them to become gainfully employed.

Martin Luther King knew that the reconciliation he was seeking had to be based on the achievement of a just and open society.

President Clinton's comment — which was both a request for help and a charge that we all do our duty for our country — should remind us that Martin Luther King's vision remains as worth striving for as ever.

## Ebonics

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Has the debate over Ebonics posed a serious question? Or offered a useful answer? I'm not at all convinced it has.

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