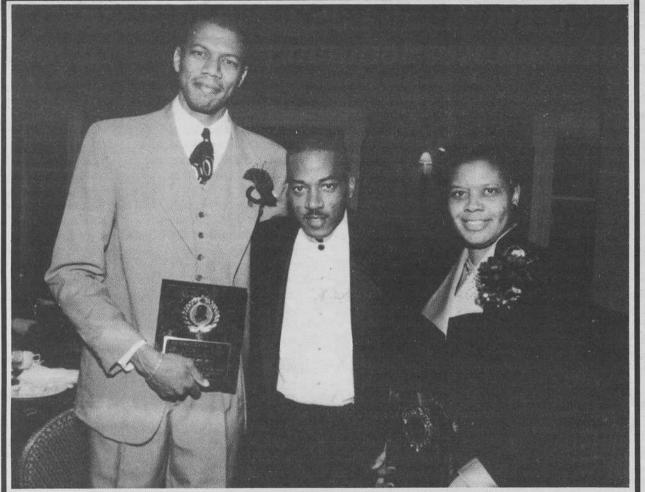
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Scenes from the MLK Banquet







Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Grand Marshals Dr. Andre Denson, assistant principal of Cimarron-Memorial High School at left, and Beverly Mathis, principal of Kermit Booker Elementary, sandwich Martin Luther King Jr. Committee President Lawrence Weekly during the committee's Jan. 10 banquet at Caesar's Palace Hotel. The Second Baptist Church Boy Scouts made the presentation of colors, adjacent left. Immediately above Angel Washington addresses the 500 guests at the banquet, themed "Living the Dream by Restoring the Family Nucleus. Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas, discusses his recent announced bid for the state's gubernatorial post with former Community College of Southern Nevada president, Paul Meacham, who was among many dignitaries who attended the banquet. Color Coded Brown provided soulful jazz sounds as part of the evening's entertainment.

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..Future By Angel Washington Special to Sentinel-Voice Do we as a people have a future? No one seems to have an answer... Yes, no, well ... maybe so, hell ... I don't know Can we, will we, ooh just maybe Our minds will break free From the bigotry And bondage That we've been held hostage? We shall no longer tolerate This society of hate In which we live. Why must we discriminate, humiliate, intimidate, aggravate, and infuriate one another? Why can't we restore our love to your right, hold on tight Love and hold the child to your left For society owes a large debt To our children. There is a struggle going on And we must keep on keeping on Our youth can be saved Who said that it was too late To create A world of peace? Take a child under your wing Give him the things that he's only dreamed ... of Give him the hope to cope with the dope forced upon him Tell him that it is okay to say no. Tell the female child that she Can be without he Just believe in Thee And through His grace She will succeed indeed. Teach that with protection, there'll be no conception Because no one is the exception When they choose this road of travel... 'Cause a lesson taught is a lesson learned. Our children must understand That mistakes are made by all man And that they must take a stand And demand The helping hand Of a caring woman or man. Now grab your tissue There is another issue That we as a people must pursue... Ignorance... and it's world wide Which is why Our youth must rely... on us To point out what's right and what's wrong Long live the strong The Grace of God Will enable us to catch on Because with Thee is where we belong. Don't get me wrong ... I'm here to speak Not to preach Hell, I still eat and drink At my mama and daddy's house. Are you listening Because I don't want you missing My point. It's staring you directly in the face Just leave a trail or trace Of the good Not the hate It leaves a bad taste In my mouth. Our children are the future Evil is the intruder Peace and promise We owe our young And we as a people must overcome So if ever asked ... Do we as a people have a future? Answer yes... Because you're part of the solution. Peace