

# Mayor's mind on Moulin Rouge and council appointments

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The mayor wrapped up last week with talk of council seat appointments, Las Vegas air quality and revitalizing the Moulin Rouge Hotel and Casino on 900 W. Bonanza Road at his weekly press conference.

"The mayor's job is taking on a different emphasis," said Mayor Goodman. "I'm taking on solutions to the problems." Goodman met with John Edmond, president of Nucleus Plaza Inc., on 926 W. Owens Avenue, about devising a revitalization

strategy for the African-American historical city landmark.

"This is in the planning stage. ... We're talking about a master plan," said Gina Fountain, executive director for Nucleus Plaza. "The Moulin Rouge is the catalyst to cause a domino effect in the community. We need to look beyond it (Moulin Rouge) and look at the community."

According to Fountain, the mayor has pledged his support to help rebuild the aged nightclub and spread vitality throughout the

Westside area.

As far as city council representatives for the two new Las Vegas wards, Rev. Marion Bennet, Uri Clinton, Mujahid Ramadan, and Larry Weekly are some of the names being kicked around. Hispanic leaders have met with Goodman to suggest names of individuals who they would like to see represent them on the municipality board. His Honor and the council have until January 2000 to make a decision.

"I want someone who really wants to work for the

city," said Goodman. "Not someone who wants to place a feather in his cap."

Oscar also talked to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) officials about the

quality of air in Las Vegas as well as NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) representatives about possibly widening U.S. Interstate 95.

Goodman will host his second open house public forum Friday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the city council chambers of city hall on 400 Stewart Avenue.

## Multicultural curriculum coming together at UNLV

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UNLV's general education committee is hammering out the last details of the newly adopted multicultural curriculum core requirements to take effect in the fall semester of the year 2000. The committee is currently deciding which classes fulfill the new requirements.

"At the very least, this will expose our students to cultures outside of their own," said political science professor Michael Bowers, who also chaired the university committee that proposed the new core requirements. Bowers has at least two courses awaiting approval for inclusion in the new standards: the "Constitutional Rights of Women" and "Ethnic and Minority Politics." "Appreciation is the best way to describe the goal of this. With academically rigorous courses, we're teaching about different cultures. We're not trying to indoctrinate students with multiculturalism. We're just teaching."

A multicultural course requirement, an international education requirement and a technology course will now be part of the core curriculum, but will not add to the total number of credits that students need to graduate.

According to the guidelines adopted, multicultural courses must "examine cultural similarities and differences in the United States based upon attributes which may include, but are not limited to: ethnicity, race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation and disabilities."

International courses must

"examine existing peoples and societies outside of the United States."

The technological class is to correlate with the student's major and must expose them to computer-based experience. The university is not expanding the core. The classes can be applied to the new requirements, as well as fulfilling existing humanities, fine arts or social science requirements that fall within a student's major.

Students who enter UNLV before the fall of 2000 have three options as far as measuring up to the new standards. They can either follow the guidelines under which they originally entered the school, or they can fulfill the requirements in place when they last chose a major, or they can meet the criteria that will be effective upon their graduation.

UNLV senior Mike Johns said that he doesn't intend to take a course in diversity, but that the changes are "outstanding."

"I think it's needed for the simple fact that you can take languages like French and Japanese, but how many of us use it after we leave school? The focus now changes to actually using the knowledge we have of other cultures to relate to them. ... America is changing. The 2000 workforce is changing and these classes will assist us in preparing students for the future."

"It's positive for all of us to be aware of other cultures," said junior Esther Jones. "The greatest impact will be the tolerance that it will hopefully create. It directly impacts me as an elementary education major. There's a

large hispanic population here and if I and other educators are exposed to diverse cultures, such as hispanic ones, they can in turn meet certain needs of those communities when teaching."

Professor of history Maria Raquel Casas, who also sits on the general education committee, said that she couldn't speculate as to what the new curriculum's impact will be.

"The spirit behind this is that university's are oftentimes accused of being distant, living in ivory towers, in a world of ideas. This (the new requirements) says that we're not. We're very much aware that we live in a world that's multicultural," she said.

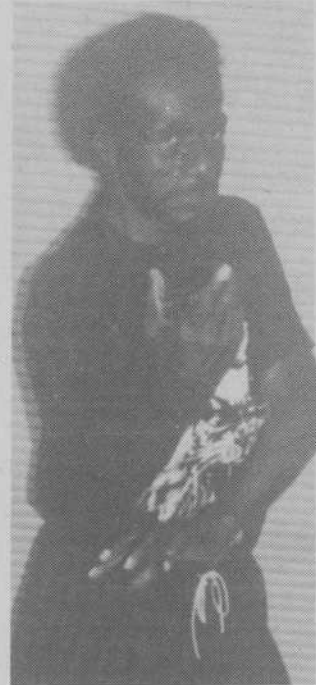
## Kids development group hosts multicultural event

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People in America's Natural Growing Environment, or PIANGE, Development Company will present their 5<sup>th</sup> annual, "It's a Kids Affair 99" Multicultural event on August 21 at the Community College Cheyenne Campus from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

With the Student Center of Diversity of the Community College of Southern Nevada as this year's co-sponsor, the event will feature Dylan Red Wolf Means, modeling, dance, music, martial art demos, and poetry. Also at this event, PIANGE will be showcasing the best of ethnic arts and crafts from across the city.

Grand Master Arthur Sikes, the founder of the North American Self Defense Organization, will be honored for dedicating his life to enriching the lives of others. He holds the unique distinction of being the only non-oriental in the world to have earned and be



**ARTHUR SIKES**

awarded the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Red Sash (master teacher).

Founded in 1982 in response to a need to offer positive alternatives for self-development for young people, Jerome and PiAnge B. Jackson felt that "pride in one's self seemed to be a scarce commodity in low income communities." Instead of buckling down and earning whatever amount it

took to sustain themselves, it appeared a significant portion of residents in low-income communities would rather depend on public charity.

"Satisfaction with this lifestyle takes its toll on the young people growing up in such an environment. For many of them, organized gangs offer the camaraderie they desire and an opportunity to earn money engaging in any and all illegal activities," said Mrs. Jackson. "Community residents become victims of their crimes and the detention centers, for juveniles and adults as well as the jails and prisons are crowded with young men and women who felt themselves trapped in a never ending cycle of poverty and turned to crime as a way out."

Determined to prevent this "cycle of madness," the focus of the event is to inspire the children of our community to find a positive alternative to the negative influences they encounter daily.

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