## GINA CUNNINGHAM **Convention Authority**

John T Stephens III Sentinel-Voice

Gina Cunningham, a 14-year resident of Las Vegas has been named Editor for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority's (LVCVA) Las Vegas News Bureau.

Cunningham's responsibilities will be to spotlight all of the hotel properties in the valley and to serve as a liason to international and domestic media who come to the entertainment capitol of the world.

'Gina Cunningham's reputation as a true professional and her established track record with media will be invaluable to the LVCVA," said Vice president of Marketing for LVCVA Rossi Rolenkotter. "We are fortunate to have a person with Ms. Cunningham's public relations and hospitality industry expertise working to promote Southern Nevada.'

"I'm really excited about it. It's a great opportunity," said Cunningham of her new position. "I was focused on public relations before, but now I'll be focused on international and domestic news."

In 1996 she was the first African-American to serve as a public relations manager in a Las Vegas hotel. Cunningham has served as public relations manager for the hotels and casinos at Paris and Bally's.

"I would like to make sure that we look into the African-American market for Las Vegas," said the native of Santa Monica, California and mother of one. "Not just African-Americans, but people of color.'

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UNLV campus there will be a grand yard sale to raise money for the university's recycling program.

clothing, office supplies, books, of Maryland Parkway. furniture, toys and much

The sale is scheduled for On April 28-30 at the Friday, from 8a.m.-6p.m., and for Saturday and Sunday from 7a.m.-4p.m.

It will be held at the Rebel Recycling facilities- on the Bargain hunters will find south side of East Flamingo clothing Rd. between Swenson and accessories, shoes, linens, Cambridge streets, just west

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(Continued from Page 1) featuring the Gene Howard Band begins Friday at 5 p.m. VIP tickets are \$35 and include entre to the reception and VIP seating for opening night. For VIP ticketing, call

CALI ROCK Productions at 638-2020. On Saturday and Sunday, the matinees begin at 2 p.m. and the late shows start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance. For more information, call 225-6312.

# Professional women's group elects new regional coordinator

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Jacqueline Jones of Las Vegas has been elected Regional Coordinator of the Southwest Region of The National Association for Female Executives (NAFE).

NAFE is the nation's largest association of professional businesswomen and female entrepreneurs in the country.

The professional women's organization was founded in 1972. It has more than 150,000 members with 200 charters nationwide.

The regional coordinator NAFE in Las Vegas.

helps directors with starting, recruiting and running network organizations in their region. She also provides business contacts and referrals for members while arranging regional events as well for her area.

Jones is also responsible for communicating the needs and issues of members of her headquarters, and she serves as director of the Nevada Association of Female Executives Entrepreneurs, an affiliate of



JACQUELINE JONES

### ew community streets hail leaders

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A local real estate developer has made a lasting tribute to those he calls "major players" in bringing their dream- the "Whispering Timbers" community in the northwest part of the valleyto reality.

Frank Hawkins has named streets of the neighborhood after them.

"These people who have these streets named for them worked tirelessly to make this development," he said. "They were major anchors."

Streets will be named after nine individuals, a court will be named for another and, says Hawkins, "we're dedicating a park to Joe

The development, some 27 acres at Martin Luther King and Lake Mead Boulevards, is 200 singlefamily homes, constructedaccording to advertisementsby a "homebuilding team" with "over five decades of experience."

Prices range from \$96,000 to \$123,000, and Hawkins said on Monday that 26 homes had already been purchased since sales began just five weeks ago.

He listed the names as: Morse Arberry Way; Marion Bennett Way; Kay Court (named for Bennet's daughter, Karen); Fred Brown Lane; Wille Davis Street; Otto Merida Way;

Gary Reese Street; Jesse Scott Lane; Dewain Steadman Way and Wendell Williams Way.

"Joe Neal Park" will be dedicated on June 3, according to Hawkins, who indicated the street-naming idea was his.

Whispering Timbers was created by Community Development Programs Center of Nevada (CDPCN), a non-profit corporation which businessman, former Las Vegas city councilman and now CDPCN president Hawkins founded in 1997.

He started it, he said, to "create public partnerships that provide affordable housing and consumer lending."The firm now works in partnership with U.S.

Bank, a major financial leader in the banking industry.

CDPCN also tries to assist "in the development of future entrepreneurs through youth education, training and mentoring," and "works toward enhancing the quality of life" of its clients."

It says it strives to do this "by providing the tools necessary for economic improvement and selfsufficiency."

"Those tools," according to CDPCN, are "pre and post purchase counseling, credit and budget counseling, and self-improvement." CDPCN says its goal, ultimately, is to provide homebuyers with what it calls: the "Luxury of Affordability."

