

# Do women have it easier than men?

The battle of the sexes is alive and well and living in Las Vegas. In voting last week, 50.4 percent of customers voting in "Sound Off" at the area 7-Elevens agreed that life is easier for women; 49.6 percent disagreed.

Nationally, in a close contest, 7-Eleven customers at more than 6,000 stores said that a man's life is easier than a woman's. The national vote, in the unscientific poll registered 51.0 percent saying that yes, men do have it easier than women. In all, more than 6.1 million votes were cast.

While the voting was close, opinions stated by those voting were often far apart. From Virginia came the comment, "Women nag so much they make men die!" But a Texas voter said "We (men) don't have to worry about carrying around a nine-month time bomb. We don't have to worry about menstrual cramps, and it's not like we bring home the bacon anymore." A Californian echoed that sentiment, saying "Men are lazy and dirty and really don't give a damn."

Another said "Men are scum, selfish and demanding."

Dr. George Gulp, Ph.D., Pd.Q., Bb.Q. and official vote counter for "Sound Off" at 7-Eleven, noted that while the voting was fairly even-

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handed, "the voters certainly weren't."

"They were saying things that would make a teamster blush. Several comments just can't be printed in polite society, or even in impolite society. Thank goodness it's all in fun," Gulp said.

A customer voting in Boston registered a strong female opinion that "Women have it much harder and should be congratulated for

their efforts, while men should be shown for what sexist pigs they are!" From San Diego came a disagreeing male opinion, "No way (do men have it easier), I've been married for 22 years and raised two daughters and one wife."

"Some places where the man's vote was leading at mid-week must have organized women to come out in droves," Gulp said. "I heard that in Bryan/College Station, Tex., women were actually voting several times in each store visit, once with a Big Gulp cup and two or three more times with paper ballots. They were stuffing ballots like some people stuff turkeys."

This fun-filled sales promotion, "Sound Off" at 7-Eleven poll, will continue through March 31. It was created to let people "sound off" about issues that affect their everyday lives to give them a way to have their opinions heard.

The "Sound Off" will feature different questions each week so if you would like to make your opinion heard, sound-off at 7-Eleven.

## National Results

	YES	NO
Albuquerque, NM	52.3%	47.7%
Allentown/Bethlehem, PA	47.6%	52.4%
Atlantic City, NJ	52.2%	47.8%
Austin, TX	54.6%	45.4%
Bakersfield, CA	56.7%	43.3%
Baltimore, MD	51.3%	48.7%
Boise/Eugene, ID	51.5%	48.5%
Boston, MA	49.6%	50.4%
Bryan/College Station, TX	50.8%	49.2%
Chicago, IL	50.2%	49.8%
Colo. Springs/Pueblo, CO	49.8%	50.2%
Dallas/Fort Worth, TX	51.4%	48.6%
Denver/Boulder, CO	49.7%	50.3%
Detroit, MI	49.8%	50.2%
El Paso, TX	50.7%	49.3%
Fresno-Visalia, CA	54.0%	46.0%
Ft. Myers/Naples, FL	48.5%	51.5%
Harrisburg/York/Lancaster/Lebanon, PA	51.5%	48.5%
Hartford/New Haven, CT	49.2%	50.8%
Las Vegas, NV	49.6%	50.4%
Los Angeles, CA	52.5%	47.5%
Lubbock, TX	50.4%	49.6%
Miami/West Palm	49.5%	50.5%
Midland/Odessa/Big Spring, TX	54.7%	45.3%
New York/New Jersey/Long Island, NY	51.9%	48.1%
Norfolk/Hampton, VA	50.5%	49.5%
Orlando/Dayton/Melbourne, FL	49.9%	50.1%
Philadelphia/Trenton, PA	51.0%	49.0%
Phoenix, AZ	52.0%	48.0%
Portland, OR	51.8%	48.2%
Reno/Tahoe, NV	54.6%	45.4%
Richmond, VA	50.5%	49.5%
Roanoke/Lynchburg, VA	54.5%	45.5%
Sacramento/Stockton, CA	52.5%	47.5%
Salinas/Monterey, CA	43.0%	57.0%
Salt Lake City, UT	51.4%	48.6%
San Diego, CA	50.3%	49.7%
San Francisco/Modesto, CA	55.2%	44.8%
Seattle/Tacoma, WA	51.3%	48.7%
South Bend/Elkhart, IN	48.2%	51.8%
Spokane/Yakima/Richland, WA	49.2%	50.8%
St. Louis, MO	51.1%	48.9%
Tampa/St. Pete/Sarasota, FL	49.4%	50.6%
Toledo, OH	53.3%	46.7%
Tucson, AZ	53.2%	46.8%
Tyler/Longview, TX	48.1%	51.9%
Washington D.C.	49.8%	50.2%
Wichita Falls/Lowton, TX	55.9%	44.1%
Wilmington, DE	52.0%	48.0%

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## Keeping alive the history

by Karen Small

Nat King Cole, an American singer and pianist, was born in Montgomery, Ala. in 1919. He was a legendary figure whose songs live and prosper long after they're gone.

His soft, embraceable ballads have managed to withstand a myriad of changes in the music industry. Fans of all ages and races are familiar with his eternal hits: "Too Young," "Mona Lisa," "Nature Boy," "Unforgettable," "Our love is Here to Stay," "Paper Moon," and "The Christmas Song." The reruns of Cat Ballou, the classic western comedy where he and Stubby Kaye played strumming minstrels to Jane Fonda's title role, still live on today.

Since his music's strong impact has endured, some people might have trouble realizing that Cole has been dead for 26 years. His legacy has survived in many levels including efforts by his daughter, Natalie Cole, the host of Big Break, a show designed to give up and coming new stars their chance to be "discovered." Often during these shows, Natalie Cole

has paid tribute to her father during her performances. Four years ago, Natalie Cole and Johnny Mathis headlined a PBS tribute to Cole.

Capital Records (the label that Cole helped bring into prominence) in commemoration of the anniversary of his death, has deemed February Nat King Cole Month; they've put together a new collection of Cole's material. Also, the 32nd Annual Grammy Awards granted Cole a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Cole's beautiful warm lyrics can be heard anywhere—he is truly "unforgettable." A legend and a great performer, Cole has paved the way for many of us.

## Alpha Kappa Alpha: "climbing high"

by Tina Crinite

The oldest black sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) was created at Howard University on Jan. 15 1908 by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and eight other Howard University students.

The sorority's constitution was revised and changed and on Jan. 29, 1913 and was "led into incorporation" by the AKA president during that time.

The colors of AKA are salmon pink and apple green with the ivy leaf as the symbol. This symbol represents strength and "climbing high." The flower is the pink tea rose.

UNLV's chapter of AKA was chartered in 1976 and named Kappa Xi chapter and currently has six members.

Although their numbers may be small, the Kappa Xi chapter

has made many contributions to the Las Vegas community this year such as the time spent with the children of Child Haven, visits to senior citizens homes, presenting food baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving, as well as their involvement during Christmas with Toys for Tots.

During Black History Month AKA created informational flyers for distribution and videotapes available for students' viewing which portrayed famous African Americans. Among the leaders featured who were known for their contributions to the African American Society were Charles Drew, Martin Luther King Jr. and Benjamin Banneker.

Some famous AKA's include Gladys Knight, Ella Fitzgerald, former Miss America Suzette Charles and Coretta Scott King.

## Black history month concludes

The end of February marked the conclusion of Black History Month. This month included many activities for UNLV students who celebrated African American History and gave some a chance to learn and take the initiative to improve their lives as well as the lives of those around them. Many famous black Americans were remembered for

the part they played in paving a better road for their children. Although the official time to celebrate black American history is through, it does not mean that reflection and personal improvement should end also, but should continue all year long. Here is a wrap-up of personal profiles and events that conclude Black History Month.

## National Student Exchange

by Marilyn Ming

The National Student Exchange "offers students the ability to take courses not offered at UNLV," said Dr. Mary Phelps, NSE coordinator. NSE offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study for up to one year at one of 99 colleges and universities in the United States and its territories.

Phelps said students pay in-state tuition fees and financial aid can be obtained. March 1 marks

the deadline to apply for participation in the NSE program for the 1991-1992 school year.

Any sophomore or junior with a 2.5 GPA can apply. Various school catalogs are on reserve at the UNLV Library, Phelps said.

Nationally, approximately 2,200 students are placed in various schools from Alaska to Puerto Rico and Maine to Guam, Phelps said. Twenty-seven NSE participants from other universities are

attending UNLV this year, and six UNLV students are enrolled elsewhere.

"I wanted to go to a different university and see a different part of the country," said Dottie Klugel, a biology major from the University of Maryland and a participant in the NSE program. "Interning at the Mirage's dolphin facility definitely would not be

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## 1001 Black Inventions

by Michelle Daniels

Imagine how hard it would be to play tennis in loafers. If it weren't for Jan Ernst Matzlinger, the black person who invented the shoe lasting machine, we would not have the opportunity to wear these comfortable shoes that we all wear.

1001 Black Inventions, an unusually funny and fast moving production was performed at 8 p.m., Feb. 28, in Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. This presentation honoring Black History Month was brought to the community by the UNLV Office of Minority Student Affairs.

"I hope the audience laughed, chuckled, and exclaimed, 'Wow, I didn't know that!'" said Wayne Nunnely, the Director of Minority

Student Affairs. "The play, which I am delighted to say is sponsored by the Greater Las Vegas McDonald's Operator Association and Food 4 Less stores in Las Vegas, is entertaining and very thought-provoking."



The first act of 1001 Black Inventions focused on some famous black inventors including Benjamin Banneker, who is responsible for building America's first clock, and Daniel Hale Williams, who performed the first open-heart

surgery, as well as others.

The second half of the play portrayed a typical family trying to live without the inventions created by blacks. The play was created and is performed by Pin Points theater group from Hollywood, California. Pin Points has been highly acclaimed by the Smithsonian Institute, the D.C. Commission on the Arts and numerous institutions throughout the United States.

Ricardo "Rico" Hill is the West Coast director of Pin Points. Pin Point's founder Ersky Freeman and director Hill opened the California extension in 1988. In addition to the John F. Kennedy Center, Pin Point productions have been viewed on stage and television in 2,000 schools and in 47 states.