



Library Notes

by Bill Ludwig

LIBRARY HONOR

The West Las Vegas Library has just received another distinction by being listed in the "Handbook of Black Librarianship" as the only public library in the state of Nevada serving a predominantly Black community. (Among the nearby states, no libraries were listed for Utah, Idaho and New Mexico, one in Arizona, two in Oregon, three in Colorado, five in Texas. Of course California has many, a total of 39.) It's interesting to note that in the description of the West Las Vegas Library, it states that "the library was established because of community pressure." Everyone can take a bow!

BLACK ART SHOW

The outstanding exhibit of art work entitled "Black Artists of the Southwest" will move from its successful grand opening at UNLV to the West Las Vegas Library on Monday, May 8th for a three week period. Organized by the Nubian Kefentse Kultural Community in cooperation with the Nevada State Council of the Arts, the exhibit will offer some of the finest examples of young professional Black artists' work from the entire region, including Texas, Arizona, California and of course our own state of Nevada. This is a rare opportunity for residents of the Westside to see exceptional creations of Black oriented art form such a wide geographical area. The library will be crammed with the interesting art; expect to spend many rewarding hours viewing the exhibit. Bring a friend, or better yet, organize a group from your church or club; it will be worth it for all people, all ages.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Watch this column for announcements of all coming events at the library. During the summer we always have a strong program of reading and activity for young people. This summer there will even be a karate class in addition to the regular craft, movie and reading activities. A later column will detail all of the summer projects. Registration will be required, so keep a close watch on "Library Notes" for all details.

For adults and young adults a number of things are being planned including a rape self-defense workshop for young women, a series of "Plays for Living" concerning vital social issues, a writing seminar for bidding creative writers and a community meeting for the Governor's Task Force on Library Development. Dates and times will be announced. For pre-schoolers, the library will be participating in the "Reading Is Fundamental" project sponsored by Bold Explosion. The program is scheduled to be presented in several locations throughout the Westside and for a variety of ages. Full publicity will be made on all of the program activities by Bold Explosion.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 AM at the Flamingo Library. The principal topic to be discussed will be the library budget for next year, beginning July 1st, and the amount of financial support expected from the City Commission. This will greatly effect the future of our community library, and everyone's support is needed; plan to attend.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT

The City of Las Vegas has approved a

block grant to Operation Life, the owners of the library building, for a renovation of our building, including the painting of the inside and outside of the entire building, the replacement of the carpet and other structural repairs. This will definitely allow the completion of the Black Heritage Mural on the out side and a bright new look on the inside. With the other plans for new furniture and equipment and the addition of a reading laboratory along with statellite reading centers, we expect the next year to be a big step forward in library service to the West side.

BLACK LIST

If you haven't received your personal copy of the "Black List", a booklet listing the wide variety of Black materials and resources of the library, come by the library, at the corner of "D" and Jackson, or call 648-9421.

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Charity Softball

Eleven students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas took time off from their studies recently to compete in a charity softball tournament.

The only local team to win a division championship, the UNLV men won four games for the title in the Budweiser Far West Slow Pitch Softball Tournament. All Proceeds will benefit the Help Them Walk Again Foundation.

With partial financial sponsorship from the UNLV Hotel Student Association, the students competed against teams from Honest John's Nevada Beverage, Cactus Springs and Skinny Dugan's Pub.

The team picture will be featured in the July issue of Slow Pitch, a national sports magazine. Individual players received jackets and trophies for their participation.

Steve Parker, the UNLV first baseman, was voted Most Valuable Player in his division of the tournament.

Other team members include Roy Bleich, catcher; Mark Miner, pitcher; Lindsey Markham, second base; Nate Lipshine, short stop; Gary Morenc, third base; Tim Quill, left field; team captain Gary Marinch, left center, Tony Martin, right center; Jim Mikula, right field; and Sonny Williams, eleventh man.

An Urgent Plea

PEOPLE OF GOD, the Holy Spirit is speaking to my heart again. The problem is love today -- LOVE -- LOVE -- LOVE!!! !!

When was the last time you said to your Husband/Wife; children or parents, I LOVE YOU? For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotton Son, St. John 3:16.
The Black Angels

Revival starting on May 15, 1978 at 7:30 PM at the Old Louisiana Club, Jackson and "F" Streets; The Little Welcome Mission Baptist Church, Pastor Joe Carter.

People of God, wake up! Salvation is coming!
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Come out to the Revival.
The Black Angel
Evangelist Tatum



V.I.P. Corner

by Kenneth Carson

Hello VOICE Readers:

I know we're all welcoming Mrs. Tarah Pitman of the NAACP. We're hoping that problems can be ironed out. It seems a lot of people didn't get answers to their questions at the first meeting, but I'm sure a lot of important issues will be solved. My question is, "Why didn't the NAACP bring it's own lawyers, why are we using the White lawyers here and his giving us an alternative. (I understand this white lawyer has now been fired). Nothing personal, but we should not be laughed at, at an important meeting.

Our Organization, SECOND CHANCE, INC. membership drive is in full swing, costing \$5.00 per person annually with lifetime memberships at \$500.00 (which can be payed at the rate of \$50.00 per year, if you so wish). I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of my friends at our meeting, Thursday at 7:30 PM at the "D" Street Library. Refreshments will be served. Please come out and be a part of this organization. It is for a very good cause. PLEASE JOIN!!!

We are hoping to see you at the Game Store every Saturday night at 10:00 PM for Disco Dancing and prizes. Come on over. Love one another, for love is not demanding, but understanding.

King, the Meat Man

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During recent salute to the Black Press in Washington, D.C., the Tony Brown's Journal host and executive producer (r) meets with (l-r) former colleague Larry Still of Howard University; Mayor Walter Washington and Cathy Liggins, general manager of highly rated WHUR-FM radio. The nationally syndicated TBJ documentary program is being renewed for the season.