

## Blacks More Susceptible to High Blood Pressure

Free blood pressure screening was offered Tuesday at the True Love Baptist Church, 1941 N. "H" St., in North Las Vegas.

Public Health nurses from the Clark County Health District provided the blood pressure checks.

High blood pressure is a serious medical condition that leads to heart disease, kidney disease and strokes. Symptoms are not usually apparent, but high blood pressure can be detected through regular screening.

Blacks are twice as likely as whites to have high blood pressure. The condition usually begins about middle age and continues until it is controlled by diet, exercise and medication.

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## Republicans To Seek Chamber, Community's Support

By George A. Burns

The Republican Party Central Committee of Clark County has taken it upon itself to seek both the support and input from the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and the West Las Vegas community.

In a meeting attended by that committee's Chairman Marilyn Gubler, Vice-Chairman Jim Lamb, Sally Dtkus and Olivia Williams (sitting in for her husband Even Williams, one of the party's strategist and liaison) topics discussed were pending meetings with the chamber's board; a strong voter registration drive that would set as a priority the Black community; a pending planned address by Sen. Paul Laxalt to the chamber's first anniversary luncheon in September; "brainstorming sessions" that would remove barriers in the black

community by the party, and a definition of goals and objectives that should be addressed in regards to the West Las Vegas community on the part of the Republican party.

Gubler suggested that a "need to channel opportunities to minority businesses, thereby helping them to expand was an issue that should be addressed immediately." Lamb added that the voter registration drives that will be spearheaded by the G.O.P. here in Clark County would hopefully remove and end the voter apathy. Individuals feeling that their votes don't count, or that the "fix is in" is a misconception that we would like to alleviate. We would like to send a clear message that their individual vote does make a difference."

Williams also suggested that a

"speakers bureau" be implemented for the West Las Vegas community, which would feature Republican speakers seeking vocally community support. She added that the Black Chamber's support was essential in their determination to "assist in finding reasonable goals to maximize voter participation in both West Las Vegas and the county as a whole."

Dtkus also added that the Republican party had as its greatest goal and objective the "removing of the "enemy" barrier stigma that the party has seemed to somehow contact in regards to black voters. "We hopefully intend to act as a catalyst in providing opportunities and implementing feasible and common-sense solutions and ideas to residents of the entire Southern Nevada community," he said.

## \$248,000 In Federal Funds Received

Clark County has received more than \$248,000 in federal grant funds to be spent by local agencies in charge of emergency food and shelter programs, a spokesman for the United Way of Southern Nevada said Wednesday.

Wanda Denton, assistant planning and campaign director for United Way, said the money will be distributed among several agencies which meet certain guidelines.

The agencies must be non-profit, have a voluntary board of directors, an accounting system which conducts annual audits, practice non-discrimination and have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and shelter programs.

Denton said local agencies "possibly" eligible for a portion of the monies are the Community Food Bank, Boulder City Welfare, Henderson Community Services, Operation Blessing, the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, FISH and Poor People Pulling Together.

The \$248,742.38 is part of President Reagan's \$50 million Jobs Bill and is earmarked for agencies having a high need in emergency food and shelter programs.

She said a local board will meet May 27 to make a determination on the agencies eligible for the grant money.

The board will consist of County Commissioner Thalia Dondero, officials from United Way, Catholic Community Services, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army in both Las Vegas and Henderson, Jewish Family Services and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission.

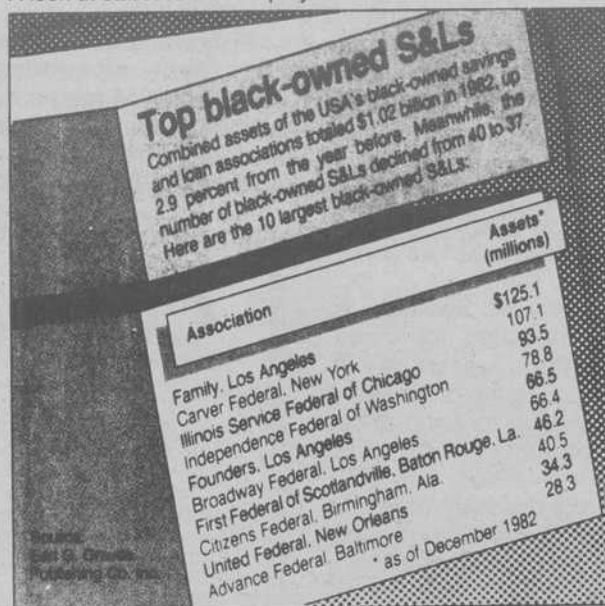
The meeting will be held at the United Way, 1055 E. Tropicana Ave., but agencies that meet the guidelines should have budget proposals submitted to United Way no later than 5 p.m. May 26, she said.

One provision in acquiring the grant allocation is the money given to local agencies must be spent entirely by Sept. 30, she said.

For further information call Denton at 798-4636.

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By Sam Ward, USA TODAY

## Property Taxes Going Up 30%

The average tax rate in Nevada next year will be \$2.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation, compared to the present \$1.77, state Tax Department officials said Tuesday.

Local governments have filed their budgets with the state and it shows an average 30 percent increase for property tax rates. Taxpayers have a chance to force an election on property tax increases beyond 4.5 percent by getting a petition signed by 8 percent of the registered voters.

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