

Nevada Black Chamber Launches "Community Pride-Community Business Fair Week"

"COMMUNITY PRIDE-COMMUNITY BUSINESS FAIR" is the target of an aesthetical campaign being launched by the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce.

Southwest Gas Corporation has provided seed money to initiate such an effort and the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce has engaged

public agencies such as the Clark County School District and the City of Las Vegas, community residents and businesses to designate the week of May 18 through May 23, 1987 as "COMMUNITY PRIDE-COMMUNITY BUSINESS FAIR WEEK."

They will be removing unsightly debris from the streets and highways starting at "B" Street to Highland Drive on Owens Avenue.

James O. Porter, Esq., President of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce states, "We want to establish our identity in a pleasing manner to the thousands of motorists who travel on our streets and freeways, leaving them with a refreshed impression of our community."

President Porter further states, "This is just the first phase of the coming together of merchants, neighbors and public entities to aggressively improve our appearance to provide a more attractive community for visitors and residents to enjoy."

On Saturday, May 23, the Chamber will sponsor a community business fair.

In a record turn-out for a city primary in Las Vegas, voters gave casino owner Bob Stupak 9,078 votes for the highest percentage (33.4) in the Las Vegas mayoral contest and City Councilman (Mayor Pro Tem) Ron Lurie 7,084 (26.1 percent) for the second highest number of votes. The two will face each other for the Las Vegas mayoral seat in the June 2 general election.

In the City Council race, Steve Miller, in a stunning upset victory, ousted two-term Councilman Al Levy in Ward 1 and Bob Nolen won a second term over former Clark County School District Board Trustee Virginia Brooks-Brewster in the race for Councilman for Ward 3.

In North Las Vegas, where the voter turn-out was much lighter, all three incumbent councilmen won the right to defend their council seats in the June 2 election. Councilmen William Robinson and Mary Kincaid will again face their challengers, C.W. Tom Collins and Lewis Whitney, each of whom won enough

votes to run against them again in June.

Incumbent Councilman W. Brent Hardy will also have the opportunity to face his challenger, Odell Davis, again in the June election. Davis, in his third attempt for a city council seat, actually led Hardy in the primary with 1,053 votes to Hardy's 941.

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Boy critical after liver transplant

Associated Press

A 10-month-old boy whose plight attracted help from television star Bill Cosby, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and professional football players was in critical but stable condition Friday after a liver transplant operation, officials said.

in which the tiny ducts that carry bile, a digestive juice, from the liver to the small intestine fail to develop properly before birth.

Without a new liver, Jonathan cannot absorb nutrients. He would starve to death without intravenous feeding.



GETS LIVER — Jonathan Clark of Fresno, Calif., seen in a recent file photo, received help in his quest for a new liver from actor Bill Cosby, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and football players.

Jonathan Clark, of Fresno, Calif., and his parents arrived at Children's Medical Center in Dallas on Thursday night, and the baby entered the operating room at 1:05 a.m. CST today, said hospital spokeswoman Amy Morenz.

The seven-hour surgery went well, Morenz said.

The infant had been rushed to the hospital from Virginia, where his mother and father were visiting her parents.

No information on the donor was released.

The Dallas hospital was one of three — the others were in Pittsburgh and Omaha — here Jonathan was registered as a transplant candidate.

Jonathan suffers from biliary atresia, a birth defect

While staying at his grandparents' home, Jonathan was fed each night by a tube inserted through his nose and into his stomach while he slept.

During a campaign for a donor by John Clark, manager of the Chandler Air Field in Fresno, Cosby and Jackson and other public figures appeared in televised appeals.

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Black Nevada senator sees racism declining

By Ed Vogel

Review-Journal Capital Bureau

CARSON CITY — Racist attitudes have diminished in the Legislature as more young white legislators have had personal dealings with blacks, said the only black ever elected to the state Senate.

Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas, credits this increased awareness of the feelings of minorities with the spark that led to passage of a bill to create a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in Nevada. Gov. Richard Bryan, who has called for the holiday in State of State addresses, is expected to sign the bill into law Thursday.

"You have got a lot of people in the Assembly who have had black contacts," Neal said. "They have gone to school with them, served with them in the military. You don't find the fear among them that you might find among some in the Senate."

Neal received a standing ovation last Friday when the Senate finally voted 16-5 in favor of honoring slain civil rights leader King with a state holiday. The Assembly

earlier had passed the bill unanimously.

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