

YOUTH 2000 PREPARES FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The executive board of Youth 2000 is preparing for the first national Youth 2000 conference scheduled for August 29-30 at Cashman Center in Las Vegas.

Topics to be addressed include motivating students, effective parenting, pressures youth face, quality parenting, lifestyles free from substance abuse and the future of youth employment. Nationally recognized professionals and keynote speakers will take part in the two day conference.

Sponsored locally by Citizens Interested in Today's Youth, Youth 2000 addresses the challenges and trends affecting the future of today's youth.

"A tremendous shift in employment will completely

change job market demands by the year 2000," said Jim Santor, executive board member and president of Citizens Interested in Today's Youth. "We are attempting to create partnerships within the community to address the problems and do something about it now so those entering the job market won't enter a life of crime."

According to Santor, one of the most serious problems facing youth is illiteracy, with teen pregnancy, substance abuse and low self-esteem not far behind. Combined with the change in employment requirements estimated for the year 2000, Santor says the outlook is grim for many of today's five and six year-olds.

"The seminars offered emphasize tactics to keep kids interested in staying in school, achieve and keep self-esteem levels high and quality parenting," said Santor. "The focus is positive instead of negative and apathetic."

Gayle Wells, board of directors vice president, stresses the importance of creating an awareness of future forecast predictions for youth employment.

"Part of our concern is the fact that we must start now to prepare youth for the changes in employment. One-third of America's youth are entering adult society without a high school education — and that trend shows no indication of slowing down," says Wells. "In addition, technical training along with analytical skills will become increasingly important if we want to maintain the level of power our country survives on. The alternative to underskilled and undertrained workers is to send work off to third world countries, and I can't see any way that could benefit our country."

Both Wells and Santor feel the conference, aimed at educators, students, parents, public and private sector businesses, will help achieve an overall awareness necessary to begin planning and implementing programs for youth.

"As one of five pilot cities selected to address Youth 2000, Las Vegas has a responsibility to our youth-oriented community to do more than just complain

Buffalo Soldiers 121st Reunion In San Angelo, Texas

by George McElroy

In 1866, former slaves were enlisted into the 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments, and one of the most brilliant records of black servicemen began.

The 9th and 10th Cavalries guarded mail routes and stagecoach lines, and established forts across the western frontier. They patrolled the Mexican border and protected settlers from rampaging Indians and outlaw bands.

These black horse soldiers blazed the trails of the Old West with blazing carbines and flashing sabres.

Given the name Buffalo Soldiers by the blood-thirsty Indians they fought, these black patriots never yielded to their cunning foes, the rugged terrain, nor the inclement weather conditions.

The 9th and 10th regiments earned dozens of battle streamers for scores of battles and skirmishes during the long and bloody Indian War.

These gallant cavalymen earned additional honors during the Spanish-American War. In mosquito-infested Cuba these regiments were cited for bravery when they stormed San Juan Hill and rescued Col. Teddy Roosevelt's famous Rough Riders.

The Buffalo Soldiers chased Pancho Villa, the infamous Mexican bandit, into Mexico during the Punitive Expedition shortly after the turn of the century. During World War I the 9th and 10th Regiments patrolled the

about future outlooks," said Santor. "We want to stress the importance of taking action now. Those carefree kindergarten-aged kids could be facing a very serious and very real dilemma if we don't take action."

The Department of Labor sponsors Youth 2000 on the national level, and with the help of Citizens Interested in Today's Youth, Nevada Busi-

The Professional Black Women's Alliance held a fashion show and awards presentation recently in the Moulin Rouge Cafe Showroom.

Entitled "Highlights and Images of Professional Women," the program featured more than 20 local business and professional women modeling "dress for success" fashions while sharing personal success stories.

The association's first

Rose Award was presented to Mabel Hoggard, a pioneer in education and the first black teacher in Southern Nevada. The Rose Award will be presented to women who have achieved and sustained a high level of professionalism in their career.

Lubertha Johnson, the first black nurse in the region, also received special acknowledgment.

Musical entertainment was provided by Jazzie, a vocal

trio, and other local talent.

The Professional Black Women's Alliance is made up of business and professional women in Las Vegas. It provides free services in positive self-concept development, career counseling, interpersonal and life skills development and career networking.

The organization is supported by contributions from members, local businesses and the community at large.

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The Church of the Lord Jesus, 1260 Bartlett Avenue will host a revival this week, Monday thru Friday, August 3 thru 7, nightly at 7:00 p.m. for more information call 648-0332. The Church of the Lord Jesus is pastored by Rev. Seward Victorian.

The Pilgrim Church of Christ Holiness, 1515 North "D" Street will have their Vacation Bible School Monday, August 3 thru Friday, August 7, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. There will be fun for all ages. The Pilgrim Church of Christ Holiness is pastored by Rev. David L. Harris. For more information call 648-6504. A picnic will follow on Saturday. Call the number above for more details.

Evening Women's Aglow Fellowship will host a dinner meeting on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor banquet room of the Palace Station on West Sahara. Dinner is \$10.00 and the guest speakers are Maria Mercadel and Kathy Millard.

For reservations please call 870-0752, 383-0134 (after 4 p.m.) or 645-2360 before Friday, August 7.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Churches are urged to send their services and program announcements, typewritten, to the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Church Reporter, Mary Wilson, at 1201 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104. Articles must be mailed or delivered to the above location no later than Monday noon of each week.



From left, Barbara Jackson, Faye Duncan Daniel, Liliam Hickey and Shirley Carroll enjoy themselves at the Professional Black Women's Alliance fashion show and awards presentation.

Mexican border. During World War II, the 9th and 10th were the nucleus of the all-black 2nd Cavalry Division that trained at Fort Clark, near Bracketville, Texas. The division embarked to North Africa in 1944, only to be disbanded and the troopers transferred

to service units. The Buffalo Soldiers will hold their 121st reunion at San Angelo, Texas, July 29-August 1, 1987. San Angelo is the location of old Fort

Concho, one of the many posts where the Buffalo Soldiers served in the Lone Star State. James H. Lazine of Fort Worth is the president.

ness Services, Governor Bryan's office, Congressman Bilbray's office, Centel, Nevada Power, Southwest Gas and many others, the conference is projected to be a success, both locally and nationally.

For more information on becoming involved in Youth 2000 or conference registration information, contact Gayle Wells at 366-0609.

GENDER BIAS INQUIRY

The Nevada Supreme Court has appointed a Task Force to study the subject of gender bias in the courts and legal system.

Gender Bias refers to discriminatory treatment of men or women by reason of sex.

The Task Force will hold statewide hearings to examine the question of whether such bias exists to any considerable extent in the administration of justice in this state.

Persons having information related to any instances of gender bias are invited to contact:

THE NEVADA GENDER BIAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 50477
Reno, NV 89513

Information deadline is September 9, 1987.

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