

Governor Announces \$50,000 for Foster Children in Transition

CARSON CITY — Governor Richard Bryan recently announced that Nevada Business Services (NBS), serving southern Nevada, has been awarded \$50,000 for its You're on Your Own — Foster Children in Transition program.

In cooperation with the Nevada State Welfare Department, NBS will operate a program designed to improve the employability and economic self-sufficiency of youth in foster care as they transition into independent living.

"Foster care children are often left without assistance once they reach adulthood," said Governor Bryan. "This program will help foster care children gain a foothold in the adult world and local work place."

Life skills and pre-employment classes will be provided. The curriculum will include such topics as: self-esteem, decision making, housing, money management

and health care. Emphasis will also be placed on the interpersonal skills which are essential to secure and maintain employment.

The program targets foster teens, 16-21 years old, who are facing the transition into independent living situations. The welfare division will refer foster teens, who are in foster care due to abuse, neglect, or absentee parents.

The award to NBS has been made available from the Governor's Job Training Partnership Act-Incentive Funds. The purpose of JTPA funds is to establish programs to prepare disadvantaged youth and adults for entry into the labor force and to afford job training to individuals, who have special training needs in order to obtain productive employment.

For more information about this program, please contact: David Hicks, president, Nevada Business Services, 922 West Owens Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89106 385-6100.

Easter Egg Hunt

The City of Las Vegas Doolittle Community Center, 1901 North "J" Street, announces plans for their fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt. The largest hunt in the state, with over 3,000 in attendance annually is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. For more information call the Doolittle Center at 386-6374.

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Humanities Fair 1988 announced . . .

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Presents Thomas Melancon on March 26

Theta Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will present poet, folksinger and playwright Thomas Melancon along with local youth in a lecture and play entitled "Guess Who's Pregnant" on Saturday, March 26. The presentation, which is the opening event of Theta Theta Omega's Humanities Fair 1988, will take place in the Humanities Building Auditorium, Room 109, University of Nevada-Las Vegas at 7:30 p.m.

The theme for the Humanities Fair is A PANORAMA OF MANKIND: The Black Experience in America, through which the Black Experience

will be examined through the media of music, song, dance and poetry. The purpose of the program is to work with youth to examine current conditions.

Additional programs to be presented later in the year include Florida A&M University in the presentation of "Essential Theatre"; A history of Black American experience through song and dance; Margaret Avery, actress, who portrayed "Shug" in "The Color Purple," in a presentation of the history of black women in the theatre through song, dance and lecture; and Pulitzer Prize winning poet Rita

Dove in an evening of poetry, lecture and poetic interpretation titled Developments in Black American Literature.

All programs, with funding granted through the Nevada Humanities Committee, are open and free to the public.

In conjunction with the Thomas Melancon presentation on Saturday, there will also be a workshop with Mr. Melancon on Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The workshop is open to students, teachers and others interested in the interpretation of current conditions through the media of the Play.

Public Urged To Audit Social Security Records

Servant Company, a division of Supplemental Sales, Inc. of Irvine, California is announcing a program to advise all people of their responsibilities to audit their Social Security records as recorded on the Social Security computers.

Servant Company's research of United States General Accounting Office (GAO) reports indicate the Social Security Administration (SSA) is unable to locate the owners of \$100 billion of social security earnings. The SSA has placed the funds in a special suspense account.

The same GAO report also estimates that current retirees are now being short-changed by approximately \$17 per month due to accounting discrepancies.

To assist the public, Servant Company has prepared an information packet for

sale that will not only allow the individual to audit their account but additionally offers instructions and forms to aid in correcting any discrepancies.

Servant Company's president, John Latimer, is announcing a concentrated effort will also be made to inform the black population that the actuary tables show the average life expectancy for a black male is 64.9 years. Obviously this is just short of age 65 when individuals may retire with maximum benefits. This according to Latimer is an injustice that needs to be addressed by the United States Congress. Latimer also advises all black families should take this statistic into account when planning for retirement. Servant Company may be contacted at Box 16451, Irvine, Calif. 92713-6451.

West Las Vegas Library Still on Drawing Board

West Las Vegas branch of the Clark County Library District is still in the design and development stage. Ground is expected to be broken for the facility within two months and the fall has been targeted for building commencement.

The 12,000 square foot facility will be an octagonal building with a covered patio area, a cultural arts gallery, a young people's section, and a flexible conference room.

An active literacy program has prompted the design of four separate computer terminal areas and three sectional areas and three sections for one-on-one literacy tutoring.

The new facility will be located at "J" and Lake Mead adjacent to Doolittle Community Center.

NBCC Sponsors "Elegant Affair" on March 25 at Moulin Rouge

The Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an "Elegant Affair" on March 25 to crown the first annual Mr., Mrs. or Ms. Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce.

The event will be held at the Moulin Rouge. Presentations and entertainment will

begin promptly at 8 p.m. with no-host cocktails being served from 7 to 8 p.m.

An evening of fun and entertainment is planned to culminate the event.

For more information, contact the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce Women's Council at 648-6222.

EOB SENIOR ACTIVITIES

the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County's Senior Center located at 330 West Washington Avenue, offers programs and services in health, education and social activities. Call 647-2536.

Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of the property tax and rent rebate program being offered by the Clark County Assessor's Office. The rebate program gives seniors who are renters an average return of about \$87.00 while property owners can get back about \$167.00 from the Assessor's office. To receive your rebate you must complete an application, be at least 62 years of age by June 30, 1988, have a 1987 income of less than \$15,100, and be a resident of Clark County for at least 6 months. Applications may be picked up at EOB or the Assessor's office.

Free income tax preparation service is offered for seniors who are low-income and need help in preparing their 1987 income tax. The service is by appointment only.

Hollyhock Adult Day Health Care Center is now accepting reservations for Saturday adult day care service scheduled to begin March 19. The weekend service offers lunch and snacks in a creative social environment for the physically impaired.

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