

BENEFIT FOR WEST LAS VEGAS DRUG/GANG PROGRAMS SCHEDULED

Al Brown, Director of the Black and White Ball, Inc., announced that Bobby Wade and the Imperials have agreed to perform a benefit concert to be held on Oct. 19 at 7:00 p.m. In addition many outstanding groups will be appearing with them, including special guest appearances by George Kirby and Little Anthony. This concert will be sponsored by Mayor Ron Lurie and City Councilman Bob Nolen, for the benefit of the West Las Vegas Drug/Gang Program.

Bobby Wade commented, "We need a youth crime prevention program to save our youth from the drug and gang activities. It is time we stopped looking for others to solve this problem we have destroying our neighborhoods. I for one am glad to be doing my part and feel that this is a program the community as a whole should support."

"I am excited that so many of the area's fine musicians would volunteer their time for this event. Only with support like this can our program be a success," commented Brown. "I'm hoping the community will provide their help to us, by attending this event."

Information on tickets for this event may be obtained by phoning (702) 386-6374.

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WHAT IS BLACK AND WHITE BALL, INC.?

With Al Brown as its director, Black & White Ball, Inc., is already in operation on the west side of Las Vegas. This program stands to turn around the negative image that is rapidly growing there. Targeting youth in the special impact areas, they are working with the District Attorney's office, Metro Police Department, community leaders, and several ex-gang members and ex-drug pushers from the neighborhoods, some who are still serving time in prison.

All of them have been volunteering their services to provide workshops for both parents and youth on the dangers of drugs and gangs, and a job training plan for the youth who have dropped out of school and are teaching them that there is a better way of life in Las Vegas.

Additionally, they are help-

ing those who have been incarcerated to successfully become productive members of the community. This is done through job training and placement and through follow-up counseling with these men. One of the most important things needed by these men is support, and Black and White Ball, Inc., provides that to anyone who desires to help themselves.

This program has been operating on limited funds from the city Community Block Grant Program. However, Black and White Ball, Inc. is planning to hold a number of fund raisers in the near future and they hope the community will be a part of them.

For further information on their programs and services, you may contact the Black and White Ball, Inc., P.O. Box 28415, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, 702/386-6374.

Gun Charges Against Columnist Dropped

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Authorities announced last week they will drop weapons-possession charge against syndicated columnist Carl T. Rowan, whose trial last week resulted in a hung jury.

"While I continue to believe that Mr. Rowan, in fact and in law, committed the offenses for which he was prosecuted . . . the district's ability to obtain a fair hearing in this matter has been undetermined," said Frederick D. Cooke, the District of Columbia corporation counsel.

"I don't believe either Mr. Rowan or the government in

this case can get a unanimous verdict."

Rowan, who had a speaking engagement in Kansas City, Mo., could not immediately be reached for comment.

The columnist, who has written and spoken in favor of gun control, had been charged with using an unregistered handgun and ammunition to wound a teenager who had taken an unauthorized dip in his backyard pool in June. Had he been convicted on both misdemeanors, he could have faced up to two years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

A D.C. Superior Court jury that heard the case became deadlocked in deliberations last week reportedly 9-3 for acquittal.

"New Beginnings" Provides Treatment for Culinary Health and Welfare Preferred Provider Network

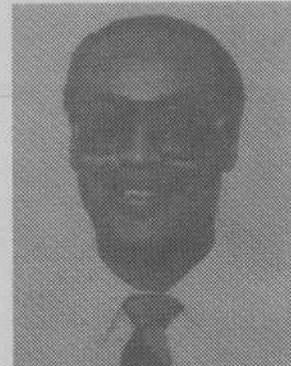
"New Beginnings," Community Hospital's Chemical Dependency Unit is pleased to announce that they are now part of the Culinary Health & Welfare Preferred Provider Network.

Fund participants now have this new and individualized healthcare benefit available for their use.

Effective immediately, "New Beginnings" will provide, to the fund participant member, a comprehensive chemical dependency treatment program, that considers the patient's emotional, spiritual, and social conditions.

This program includes both inpatient and outpatient services, as well as a comprehensive, individualized aftercare program.

If you are an eligible member of the fund, call for the



Dr. John R. Crear is the Medical Director of the "New Beginnings" Chemical Treatment Program.

informational brochure at 642-6905 or come in for a free assessment evaluation.

Community Hospital's "New Beginnings" Unit welcomes the fund members and is very proud to have them as part of its program supporters. Remember: It's never too late for a New Beginning.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is in October!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981. The intent was to connect women and men across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a variety of activities were conducted on local, state, and national levels. In October 1987 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was held.

This October T.A.D.C. has planned a number of events to focus local attention on the increasing crime of domestic violence. These activities are aimed at acknowledging and mourning all those who suffered or died as a result of domestic violence, and celebrating those who have sur-

vived and continue to live a violence-free life. This year's theme is 'Bringing the Vision Home,' celebrating a decade of domestic violence services in this country. With this in mind, four events have been planned to increase community awareness of the problem and to generate more community involvement with our program.

On Mon., Oct. 3, the official Day of Unity, T.A.D.C. sponsored a Take Back the Night march. The march symbolized women's rights to a safe environment both at home and on our cities' streets. A candlelight ceremony was included to honor all women survivors of violence and to celebrate those working to end violence

CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME SEMINAR

The City of Las Vegas Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Avenue will sponsor a seminar on "Citizens Against Crime" Thursday, October 20. The seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information call the Mirabelli Center at 386-6359.

STEPFAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOUSTON, TX — Family researchers in Houston are seeking participants in a nationwide survey on stepfamily experiences.

"Your help is urgently needed," says Dr. Mary Ann Artlip, University of Houston. "In this project, we are most interested in exploring personal feelings and in identifying successful strategies for coping with stepfamily-related problems."

If you are willing to contribute to this effort by completing a research questionnaire, please write to Family Research, Suite 611, 10105 Hammerly Blvd., Houston, Texas 77080.

against women.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, a luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon at the Alexis Park Hotel. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$15.00, including a beverage and dessert. Guest speaker will be Ellen Pence, the Training and Systems Coordinator for the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project in Duluth, Minnesota and past director of State Programs and Services for Battered Women for the Minnesota Dept of Corrections. On Friday, October 14, Rodney Shapiro Ph.D., and Jacquelin Dunn Shapiro, MS, will be presenting a skills-building workshop for professionals working with families with

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EOB SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

It's never too late to learn to read and write. AOIP offers free assistance and individual tutors to help you learn. Evening classes are available but if they are not convenient, arrange your own schedule with one of our tutors.

Senior and Handicapped Transportation Program offers minibus service to most areas in Clark County with priority given to people with medical care needs.

Are you tired of staying home with nothing to do? The EOB Senior Center offers a host of free activities. Have your blood pressure and weight checked by our nurse every Monday.

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