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## NORTHERN NEVADA UPDATE By Verita Black

## ABDULLAH

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Ada F. McCuller Taylor, for 16 years, served first as director of the Upward Bound program and for the past 13 years as director of special programs and the academic skills center. In 1984 she was awarded the Thornton Peace Prize. She also served the community through numerous groups such as the NAACP, Reno/Sparks Negro Business and Professional Women and United Way.

Ada was presented a plaque from the Governor's Office by Secretary of State, Frankie Sue Del Papa and a plaque from UNR.

Mrs. Taylor will receive Emeritus standing at UNR's 100th Commencement on May 19.

UNR students had the op-

portunity to hear Tony Brown, producer and host of Tony Brown's Journal, speak at the annual Black Student Organization Ball.

Brown, also a noted writer, educator, and film director, addressed America as a whole: the need for whites to put away racist attitudes and for blacks and other "minorities" to become self-sufficient and supportive of their culture and community.

He discussed in depth that stereotypes whites have placed on blacks and that we

have bought into, are haunting everyone. He talked about the term "minority poor," and dispelled the myth: eight out of every ten people on this earth are brown. And he discussed poor as being an unhealthy state of mind.

He also stressed the need for cultural education. Young black people are confused about who they are and what they are about. We have to make them aware of their history.

Amen!

## PROFILE

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Alumni Association members as role models and begin preparing themselves for the highly technical and competitive labor market. At this writing Las Vegas is reported to have one of the lowest unemployment records in the entire country. And our local resort hotel industry is facing a shortage of qualified and skilled workers this year, with hundreds of hotel rooms either under construction or on the drawing boards, and scheduled to be completed within the next few years.

Our Westside School Alumni profiled this week could certainly be used as a role model by our West Las Vegas unemployed Afro-Americans and he himself is an Afro-American, who got his start right here in Las Vegas and in the West Las Vegas, where he was the Old Westside School's last principal when it closed in 1967.

DR. JAMES L. PUGHSLEY, a Tucson, Arizona native, and now an Associate Superintendent of the Clark County School District (ccsd), received his B.S. and M. Ed degrees from the University of Arizona at Tucson, Arizona. He moved to Las Vegas in 1963 and held the positions of an elementary teacher, a principal, a director of Elementary Education, Title I Coordinator, and ESA, prior to assuming his present position with the CCSD in 1979.

"Jim" has served on more than thirty-five commissions, committees and boards, including chairman of the

Rev. M.A. Buckles will be presiding.

Coming events: Voices of Victory Musical Workshop.

## ABORTION

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dum makes the November ballot, it will constitute a yes or no vote on Nevada's 1973 abortion law. A 'yes' vote will leave the law in tact. A 'no' vote will cause an upheaval of change, given Nevada's politically conservative nature. This will allow the voters of Nevada to have a voice in the law-making process.

The referendum reads as follows:

### REFERENDUM PETITION

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Nevada, exercising our rights under Article 19 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, do petition that Nevada Revised Statute 442.250, be submitted to a vote of the people for approval or disapproval.

NRS 442.250 Conditions under which abortion permitted.

1. No abortion may be performed in this State unless the abortion is performed: (a) By a physician licensed to practice in this State or by a physician in the employ of the government of the United

National Elementary School Principals. He is affiliated with, or is a member of more than two dozen community, state and national organizations. And, he is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Congressional Awards Committee.

Dr. Pughsley is married to the former Joann Woodford, the principal of Basic High School in Henderson, Nevada. Joann is a graduate of Virginia State University at Petersburg, Virginia and the University of Arizona at Tucson. Prior to assuming her position as principal of Basic High School, Joann served as a teacher, an elementary and high school principal

money. Everytime we can avoid paying people to transport things to our computers and to the site and put those over the telephone line, we save a significant amount of money, because we are so large...But what I want to do is, I want the money to go directly to things that will "impact kids."

In terms of how the money will be spent, I have asked the School Board for permission to spend the money in the following areas: 1) Elementary School counselors; 2) Additional maintenance people...; 3)...Not enough psychologists...; 4)...We need additional nurses...We are going to have to deal with the fact that we have more kids who have significant health problems. Who are suffering from malnutrition...; 5) We have to deal with the fact that we have a "very rapidly increasing" number of students who do not speak English as a primary language. I've heard the estimate that we are getting approximately 80 students a month who are non-English-speaking in the school district. We are going to have to deal with that problem. The positive thing is we have the expertise to do it. We are going to have to apply it in this area...That has a lot to do with our achievement...

I can tell you areas that I believe are long-term problems that I wish to address as far as I'm concerned. Those problems primarily will be that we become more efficient in terms of serving the non-English speaking kids. We are going to have to give additional resources to elementary schools. As you can see, in terms of resources, that were going to make greater gains educationally and do more for kids by putting more resources prior to kindergarten and up into the third grade. In that span, when we have resources, that's where we ought to be putting our resources...We're going to have to be putting some resources in at-risk schools to assume that they have the same resources is absolutely incorrect. When we provide the same money in the schools, that does not produce the same resources. So we are going to have to get some community cooperation and other types of resources to those schools. Because, the thing that I know, from my long experience in education, is that "poor performance is generally not a matter of intelligence at all." Poor performance has more to do with "readiness to go to school"...it has more to do with "economics than intelligence."...

### TO BE CONTINUED

States who: (1) Exercises his best clinical judgement in the light of all attendant circumstances including the accepted professional standards of medical practice in determining whether to perform an abortion; and (2) Perfor-

ms the abortion in a manner consistent with accepted medical practices and procedures in the community.

(b) Within 24 weeks after the commencement of the

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## CHURCH

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The Greater New Morning Star Baptist Church, 300 "D" Lake Mead, will host the American Singers Association's "Youth in Concert," Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 646-7155. The Greater New Morning Star Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. Joe Carter.

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The Church of God in Christ's State Y.P.W.W. (Young People Willing Workers) will have their Annual Banquet, Saturday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Center Strip. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12. For more information call Elder D. Webb at 648-6856.

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The members of the Greater Evergreen Baptist Church, 1915 Lexington Street, will conduct a Mother's Day Program on Sunday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. Evangelist AlMary Gaston will be the guest speaker. For more information call 647-3071. The Greater Evergreen Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. Nathaniel Whitney.

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The New Bethel Baptist Church, 400 W. Admas, will celebrate their Annual Women's Day on Sunday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and lift up the name of Jesus in song and praise together. New Bethel Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. Jesse L. Wesley, Sr.

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The Second Baptist Church, located at 500 West Madison Avenue, invites all to attend their Annual Ushers' Day Celebration on Thursday and Friday, May 17 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be the renowned gospel minister, Rev. T.M. Chambers, Jr. of Compton, California.

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The Community Baptist Church, 245 East Foster Avenue, Henderson, Nevada, is sponsoring a Prayer Conference May 15 through 19. The conference, which will be led by Rev. Henry Barnwell, First New Lite Missionary Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, will focus on the need for prayer in these days of the communication revolution. The Prayer Conference will be held at the Community Baptist Church on Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. For more information call 565-0071 or 565-6787. Rev. Sam Roberson is the pastor of the Community Baptist Church.

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The Metropolitan Institutional Baptist Church, 304 Madison Avenue rejoices in its 2nd Year Pastoral Anniversary and Silver (25 years) Preaching Anniversary May 6, 9, 10, 11 and 13, with Sunday services on May 6 and 13. The theme will be Eccles. 3:1 - A Preacher for All Seasons. Services will be held at the Moments of Miracles Church, 317 Madison Avenue.

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