

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bridge Counseling Associates offers a Day Treatment Program for adolescents 12-17 years of age with substance abuse problems. Transportation and dinner are included. Call 474-6450 for details.

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## Small Business Tax Deductions, Strategies for Business and Professional People

You need this seminar if you are self-employed, in outside sales, conducting second business, people who hold jobs that don't withhold taxes, owner-employees of a small corporation, partner's in a partnership, or any other capacity that requires you to pick up the tab for your own business expenses.

This class has two purposes: 1) to build a strategy to reduce your income taxes. 2) to reduce your fear of the I.R.S.

The instructor is Samuel Morris, senior tax advisor for Morris and Associates. For further information call 735-5555.

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Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Delta Epsilon Chapter of Las Vegas invites you to attend their Third Annual Fund Raiser on May 26, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. at Heritage Hall, 1012 W. Owens in the nucleus Plaza. The fund raiser entitled "Working Women Striving For Success" will fea-

ture a guest speaker, entertainment, and proceeds will benefit the United Negro College Fund.

R.S.V.P. at Looking Good Beauty Center 737-8533.

Donation is \$25.00.

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The SOUTHERN NEVADA ADOPTION ASSOCIATION, a support group for families who are interested in adopting, are in the process of adopting or have adopted a Child(ren), especially those with special needs, meets monthly to provide a non-threatening environment in which to share experiences and gain insight. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 1991 from 6:00 P.M. until 7:15 P.M. at First Christian Church, 101 South Rancho Drive, Room 6. A nursery is provided. If you have any questions regarding this Adoption Support Group, please call 648-5769.

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The SOUTHERN NEVADA ADOPTION ASSOCIATION is a support group for families who have adopted or are interested in adoption. We meet monthly on a Tuesday evening and are having our semi-annual social event—A PICNIC, June 1, 1991, at LORENZI PARK behind the lake near the Nevada State Museum & Historical Society, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All interested families are invited, please

bring your own meal and drink. Dessert and games will be provided by the support group.

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The Links, Incorporated Las Vegas Chapter will host its second series of LINKS HEALTH TIPS — Topic - BREAST CANCER, featuring Dr. William (Bill) Dougan, MD/Obstetrics & Gynecology, Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at the Charleston Heights Library — 800 Brush Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Dougan will discuss the following topics:

- Breast Self-Examinations
- Early Detection
- Mammography
- Mastectomy
- Reconstruction
- Treatment

This seminar is free and refreshments will be served. Seating is limited.

For more information, please call 368-0134.

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Daughters of Alpha Temple 1180 I.B.P.O.E.W. Elks of The World Presents Their 27th Anniversary Ball May 18, 1991, 8:00 p.m. until. Held at Paran Lodge 1508, 1519 Las Vegas Blvd. North. "Semi-Formal" colors Red and Black. Dinner - Disco. Donation \$10.00.

Charity, Justice, Sisterly Love and Fidelity.

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First Interstate Bank and

AARP will co-host a short seminar on May 13, at the Nathan Adelson Hospice from 10 to 11 a.m. Gary Gardia, Director of volunteer services and education for Nathan Adelson Hospice, will talk about the history of the hospice and the hospice movement and explain the service that Nathan Adelson hospice

## TO BE EQUAL

# MYTHMAKING ABOUT BLACKS

By John Jacob

I find it amazing how often people latch onto wrong solutions or mistaken analyses of social problems and events.

Sometimes it's not so innocent, such as the widely popular theory that people have babies to get welfare checks.

That one was driven by ideological reasons — to justify welfare cuts — and by plain old meanness and stereotyping.

And sometimes, the media latch on to a new book or theory and blow it into a simple explanation of complex issues.

A perfect illustration of this is the way the hot new book on black migration to the north, "The Promised Land," has been received.

Reviews and articles stress a central point of the book — that today's urban underclass is the result of the backwardness of

black migrants from the rural south who brought with them a "peasant mentality" incapable of adjusting to city life.

But instead of recognizing this explanation as nonsensical, the media are rushing to adopt it.

It's easier to blame the victims of the cities for the ills of the cities.

As a theory, the "backward migrant" thesis won't hold water. It's effectively demolished by David Whitman in an article in U.S. News & World Report.

He points out that studies

and government statistics consistently show that "blacks who end up poor, on welfare, or in broken families in northern cities tend to be natives of the region, not southern migrants."

And he shows that rural African American families in the south were more likely to be intact than urban families during the period of the migrations, from 1910-1960.

Those rural Southerners — the parents and grandparents of today's urban African Americans

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## THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott  
President  
Las Vegas, NAACP



## LIBRARY AUDITORIUM WON

On election day Tuesday, May 7, 1991 there were many who were very glad when the returns came in and they were declared the Winners. However there was a larger group of people who were losers and when the returns came in they were very sad.

The residents and friends of West Las Vegas Library and community had much to rejoice about. The returns indicated that the Library Bond had been approved by the citizens of Clark County.

Shortly after the West Las Vegas Library was built it was evident that a great community use was going to be made of that facility. It was then that many of us agreed that an auditorium should be constructed to fulfill the cultural needs of our children and the community in general.

It was then that the NAACP expressed a desire to the Library Board for a 300 seat auditorium as a companion building to the Library.

Our desire was to have an auditorium with dressing rooms, kitchen, stage, lights and curtain where the youth and the not so young could exercise their God given talents on stage in the areas of speech, drama, song, dance as well as debate.

The NAACP and the Voters League met and agreed with the officials of the Library Board that there would be 9500 square feet of space with 250 stationary seats and 50 movable seats.

The success of acquiring this auditorium proves what can happen when the community makes up its mind what it wants and is willing to put up a fight to get it. Which most surely bears out, the old adage the screeching wheel gets grease.

The African-American Summit Committee Presents its

## Second Annual Summit

May 18-19 1991  
Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade Center

Booth Exhibits will include

### Free Services

Blood Drive for Bone Marrow Donors  
Blood Pressure Testing  
Health Assessment  
Cancer Society  
Immunizations  
Sickle Cell Testing  
Information on AARP  
Child Abuse Prevention

### Other

Ethnic Foods  
African-American Gifts  
Posters  
Greeting Cards  
Books  
Jewelry  
T-Shirts

\* West Las Vegas Library Exhibit

For More Information Contact Gwan Walker at 399-2226

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Nucleus Plaza

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