

Health

NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION SCORES HIGH MARKS IN ATLANTA

With over 1200 attendees, distinguished speakers and highly informative seminars on topics ranging from periodontics to HIV infection control, the just-concluded National Dental Association in Atlanta ranks as a resounding success.

Former Atlanta Mayor and current Atlanta Olympic Committee Chairman, Andrew Young, was the featured speaker at the opening session. Mr. Young drew laughs with a story about his father, a dentist. According to Mr. Young, when he was sworn in as Ambassador to the United Nations by Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall during the Carter Administration, his father tickled the crowd with a remark about his son's career choice.

"If he had been a dentist," Mr. Young quotes his father as saying, "he would have been

CONGRESSWOMEN VUCANOVIICH ANNOUNCES GRANT TO NEVADA DIVISION OF MENTAL HYGIENE

Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich (R-NV) announced today that the Department of Health and Human Services has allocated \$300,000 of grant aid to the Nevada Division of Mental Hygiene for that agency's Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH).

PATH provides services to individuals with severe mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Each state determines exactly how PATH funds will be allocated, but programs include outreach services, community mental health services, case management, alcohol or drug abuse counselling, job training, and support and supervision in obtaining and maintaining housing. These funds are matched at the state level by at least one-third of the total federal grant.

"I am very encouraged by PATH, as it is not a handout, but instead a program to train and support our mentally handicapped population so that they can provide for themselves," Congresswoman Vucanovich said. "Self-help services like these are the most cost-effective means of providing vital services to those in need."

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The Rev. Joseph Lowery, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Dr. C. Miles Smith both received Civil Rights Awards from the National Dental Association. Rev. Lowery, also a featured speaker, spoke of the "crisis in health care for black poor Americans."

Dr. Smith once served as the president of the NAACP (1962-64) when he was credited with spurring the courts to remove the Peyton Road barricade which allowed blacks to move into Peyton Forest area. He is also credited with leading the successful effort to integrate the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in the early '60s.

Reuben Mark, president of Colgate-Palmolive, the largest sponsor of the National Dental Association, was also among the featured speakers. At the opening session, Mr. Mark noted, "Colgate-Palmolive is committed to work together with the National Dental Association to improve the dental health of African-American people.

Mr. Mark also announced that

Colgate-Palmolive will award \$135,000 in grants and scholarships to 120 post-graduate dental hygiene and dental assistant students.

The awards will go to students at Howard University Col-

AIDS, MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER AND HOMOPHOBIA ARE TOPICS AT ANNUAL NEVADA SOCIAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

The National Association of Social Workers/Nevada Chapter is sponsoring the Annual State-Wide Social Workers Conference September 25-27, 1991, in Las Vegas, at the Gold Coast Hotel. Over 300 Social Workers from around the state are expected to attend. Over 170 are already registered. Twelve Continuing Education Credits are offered for Marriage and Family Therapists, BADA Certified Therapists, and Social Workers. For more information please call 456-0046.

Marsina Buck, President of the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers will give the keynote address. Ethel Gilman, BSW, MA, CAE, Executive Director of

lege of Dentistry, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry and other dental institutions with minority enrollment.

Overall, Colgate-Palmolive will invest more than \$1 million over the next five years to sup-

port research projects, clinical training and student internship programs.

The 1991 National Dental Association convention in Atlanta scored significant points for African-American health is-

dues at what is being called a critical junction in modern history. In 1992, the National Dental Association will meet in New York City, July 25th-29th. For more information call (202) 244-7555.

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Nevada businesses will be Exhibiting during the conference. Exhibitors include: Monte Vista

Hospital/Truckee Meadows Hospital; Kimberly Quality Care; McDowell Youth Homes; Care Unit; Western Regional Sleep Disorder clinic; Mobile Diagnostic; Hi Tech Home Care; APL Home and Medical Equipment; The Lend a Hand Progra, etc.

The Conference will feature 12 Workshops and over 20 speakers. Two Workshops will run concurrently throughout most of the conference. Speakers include; Dr. Davis, Dr. Dale Vanderpool, D'Arcy Vanderpool, M.A., Dr. Marv Glovinsky, Patricia Duncombe, LISW, Jerry Katz, LCSW, Joan Israel, LCSW, Gerry Earl, LCSW, Dr. Mel Atkins, Dr. Dean Pierce, Herb Naugle, MSW, Lindley Steere, LCSW, Maryellen Waltz, LISW, Dr. Shirley Patterson, Carol Keeler, BSW, and Deanna Stefanelli, BSW. NASW Presi-

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