

# FOR THE LADIES

## LITTLE MISS/MRS. BLACK NEVADA



Recently the Little Miss/Mrs. Black Nevada Pageant was held at the Sheffield Inn in Las Vegas. The Little Miss Pageant was open to girls two months to fourteen years, while the Mrs. Black Nevada Pageant was open to married women over the age of eighteen.

Shown are the Queens and Runner-Ups: Second Row, Katina Stallworth (runner-up); Monique Easley (runner-up) and Mrs. Debra Pope (Mrs. Black Nevada.) First Row, Felesia Tejero (Little Miss Black Nevada) and Sharyan Brown (Little Miss Black Nevada.)

The state director is Pamela Howard (not pictured.)

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

### "AUNT CLARA BROWN" (First African-American Resident of Colorado)

By Gwen Walker

Clara Brown was born a slave in Virginia. In her late teens "Aunt Clara moved to Missouri with her husband and children who were sold before she was given her freedom by her master's last will and testament. From Missouri she headed for Kansas and then for the gold



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fields of Colorado. Clara also set up the territory's first laundry. From her earnings she soon began putting money aside to purchase her family back.

The Emancipation was signed and her family was set free. Clara still returned to Missouri and brought back with her

to Central City a group of 38 relatives. She remained in the mining community for the rest of her life, nursing the sick and performing other charitable work. Aunt Clara died in 1877 while in her 80's.

She was buried with honors by The Colorado Pioneers Association of which she was a member. Her chair was dedicated in 1932 at the Central City opera house.

## DEEDS of VALOR

By  
Reginald Larrie  
Historian

### The Lady is a General!

Women have served in the armed forces during every war America has fought. Yet, society has tended to rely totally upon males as combatants. On some occasions, women individually served in assignments of combat. Nonetheless, it was not until recent times that significant numbers of women were accepted for field and fighting units in battle.

In September of 1979, shock waves rippled through the phalanxes of U.S. Forces as Colonel Hazel Winifred Johnson was finally promoted to the rank of "General." She became the first African American woman to obtain this level of military success. Born in Malvern, Pennsylvania in 1927, Hazel was reared on her parents' Chester County farm. She completed High School and the following semester, she entered Villanova University.



Within a few years, Hazel received her BA degree in public health care and nursing. Still not satisfied with her accomplishments, she headed to Columbia University where she earned a Master's degree in Nursing Education. Johnson worked as an operating room nurse; then joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps because she believed it offered the best opportunities for promotion and advancement.

Brigadier General Hazel Winifred Johnson has been awarded numerous commendations and honors which include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. In addition, the civilian community has recognized and awarded Hazel for her achievements. A community leader made the following statement about General Johnson: "It is not the medals on her chest that count, but what she has in her heart...!"

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## IMAGE WORKSHOP HELPS DEFINE PERSONAL STYLE

Enhancing one's professional image with tips on selecting personal colors, accessories and wardrobe is the subject of free "Image Impact" workshop at the Spring Valley Library conference room, 4280 S. Jones Blvd., April 28 at 7 p.m.

Remi Kaneshiro discusses how first impressions are made in the first 60 seconds of meeting a new person and how body language conveys information. Kaneshiro is the owner of the Winning Edge, specializing in image enhancement and achievement dynamics. "I can empower men and women with practical information that will help them develop greater self-confidence and the winner's edge," she said. She will also discuss how image reflects personality; how to pull together a total head-to-toe look; make-up, skin care, cosmetics and fashion. Kaneshiro will also cover the topics of body typing, casual clothes, sore wardrobes and how to avoid costly fashion mistakes. "You can be comfortable with yourself and still stand out in a crowd," she said. For more information, call 368-4411.

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