COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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To preserve the health of our customers, smoking will be prohibited in all Las Vegas African-American Barber Shops. Las Vegas African-American Barbers.

* * * ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF LAS VEGAS

Simba Talent Development Center, Inc. is offering a special after school training program in dance, drama, and music. Classes are provided in Tap, Ballet, and Modern dance. Also voice and acting. Professionally trained instructors.

Ages 8-18: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday: Ages 3-7; 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Scholarships available. All classes held in the Herbert P. Gerson Community Center, 2020 McGuire. For more information call 647-8808 days, or 648-3715 after 5:00 p.m. ask for LaVerne, Teri, or Marilyn.

Se Habla Español.

*** FREE DAY CARE

The Title XX Child Day Care Program have funds available for low income families. Parents must either be working, in a short-term training program, or seeking employment.

For more information, call Deloris Carter-Bell at 647-4010.

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Toughlove, a self help program for families struggling with unacceptable teenage behavior, meets at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday at 2917 West Washington. Call for additional information...

"FREE TO BE FIT" Ladies' Fitness Class

Come be a part of this free ladies' beginner's fitness class featuring a low-impact workout. The new session is now in progress every TUESDAY and FRIDAY night at 7:00 P.M. You can join anytime. The class is free of charge and will be held at 800 N. Rancho Dr. at Bonanza. Dress comfortably and modestly. Child care is provided at \$1.00 per child. Call 221-6277 for more information.

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Operation Independence Pre-school is currently accepting applications for summer enrollment. Enrollment is open to children ages 2-10. The summer program will begin July 6. Space is limited. There will be a special tutoring program for all ages. Contact Emily Meads at 647-1790.

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The Suicide Prevention Center offers a support group for Survivors of Suicide. This is open to family members who have lost a loved one thru suicide. For further information call 731-2990 and ask for Sara or the S.O.S. Coordinator."

STARTING A
NEW BUSINESS

Learn about licenses, per-

mits, proprietorships, corporations, cash flow and many more requirements. Experienced men and women of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will conduct workshops on Thursday, June 25th and Tuesday, July 7th at the Showboat Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For reservations call SCORE today at 388-6611.

*** LV BLACK JOURNALISTS ASSOC. SPONSORS MEDIA ACCESS SEMINAR

The Las Vegas Association of Black Journalists will conduct an educational seminar on "How to Effectively Utilize the Media" on Saturday, June 27, 1992 at the KLAS TV - Channel 8 in the station's studio, located at 3228 Channel 8 Drive in Las Vegas. Registration for the seminar begins at 9:30 a.m. Donation is \$5.00 per person.

This seminar is a must for local organizations, community leaders and businesses. Key representatives from major journals, radio and television will explain how their medium works and how to get desired results.

For further information contact Diana Aird at 456-3838.

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Have a gambling problem and want to quit- Call Gamblers Anonymous of Southern Nevada. GA has day and evening meetings, Monday thru Sunday. Call our 24 hour hotline 385-7723 for immeadiate help and

meeting schedules.

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A Message especially for single moms...Now, more than ever, we all need someone. If you are a single mom who could use a helping hand to cope, or a woman who has something to offer a single mother in need, call Bridge Counseling Associates at 474-6450 and ask about MOMS. That's MOMS- a free community service program for single moms.

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1st ANNUAL STARS FOR STREETWISE ALIVE SOFT-BALL PLAYOFFS WEEKEND EVENTS on Friday, June 26th. Located at 5151 South Procyon #108. Kickoff Party — Baseball Theme. 8pm-midnight; \$3.00 admission. For entertainment, DJ, Live music, food, autograph session with the LV stars, Drawings & giveaways. Prize for best theme costume.

Sunday, June 28th at Cashman Field, at 12 noon-4:00, outdoor fest of food & fun. 5:20p.m. - SWA Performance Troupe singing "The Star Spangled Banner." 4:00 p.m. - Bi-Rite vs the LV Stars & SWA Youth. 5:00 p.m. - Exhibition game. Raffle Drawing, 6:05p.m. - Stars regular season game. DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!!

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The NAH Board of Directors invite you to join them for the **Grand Opening** of the Nevada Association for the Handicapped

Family Support Center and to recognize the United Way's "Success by 6" program on July 1, 1992 from 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon.

It will be located at Nevada Association for the Handicapped, 6200 W. Oakev.

Ribbon cutting will be at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to Tina at 870-7050 by June 26.

The Black Cultural Awareness Society of Southern Nevada will be holding their 1992 African Diaspora Summer Film Festival July 27 through August 22 at several locations throughout Las Vegas.

The four films featured are: Daughters of the Dark, Xica, Sitting in Limbo, and Yaaba.

Each film will be shown once

a week at a different location each week, and is free to the public.

The locations include: The Southern Desert Correctional Center, Community College of Southern Nevada, Gerson Projects, A.D. Guy Center, W.L.V. Library, Black Fire Fighters Hall, N.L.V. Library and U.N.L.V.

For further information call 893-0105.

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The Professional Black Women's Alliance of Las Vegas annual awards presentations for the 1992 ROSE AWARDS will be held at the Dunes Hotel and Casino, on Saturday, July 25, 1992 at 6:00 p.m. For further information and tickets please call 649-6914 or write P.O. Box 4406, North Las Vegas, NV 89030-4406. "YES, I CAN!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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some who took advantage of the situation. It amazes me that some of the Black organizations, churches and residents don't practice what they preach and give their full support to these businesses.

I frequent PC's Hickory Pit Bar-B-Que resturant located at 805 West Owens and business is not what it should be. They have excellent food, prompt service and a clean and warm atmosphere. The Lunch Buffet is only \$4.95 for all you can eat; a price you can't beat. Our Black organizations and politicians could have their meetings and campaign rallies there. There's only a few resturants in the area, so why not spread the business around and help all our Black entrepeneurs succeed.

We as a Black race should support our businesses and build a financial power base for the Black community as a whole. We should read, eat and play, Black, meaning, newspapers, bookstores, resturants, community markets, record stores, night clubs and lounges. Self sufficiency starts with our own.

Debra Rambo, North Las Vegas

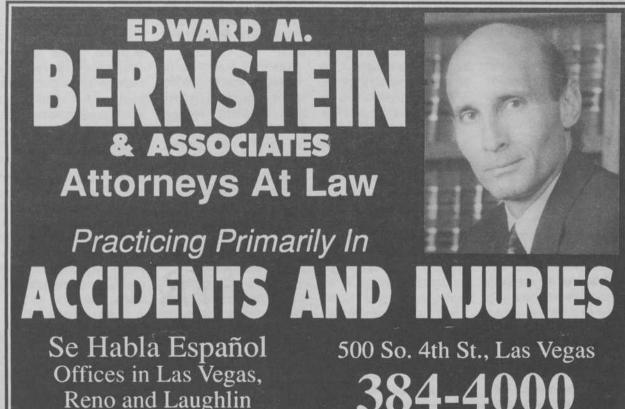
EX-COP SPEAKS OUT To the editor: I am about to break the code of silence, and yes there is a code

of silence, for police officers. I was born and raised in Flint, Mich., a city that has about a 60 percent population of blacks and a police force of about 24 percent. I was a police officer in the city of Flint for two years and a reserve officer for UNLV for seven months. The problem in West Las Vegas is not a problem of leadership as I see it. The main problem lies with the harsh oppression of the Las Vegas Metropolitian Police Department.

A black man can be stopped in West Las Vegas without incident or cause. For instance, I have two personal friends who have been harassed by Metro. One young black professional who lives in the community was stopped without cause on returning home one evening. When he questioned the officers as to why he was stopped, they became irate and ordered him to get out of his car. He was informed that they did not have to give a reason to stop him. On noticing the UNLV sticker on his rear window they asked him whose car he was driving. After he proved that the car was indeed his, one of the officers said, "You think you're a smart nigger, don't you?" Then a gun was put to his head. He was detained, insulted with racial slurs, and intimidated for 30 minutes.

A visiting black Miami police officer was stopped going into a store on Lake Mead and D Street. He was wearing a shirt that simply had the word POLICE written on the back. The Metro officers who stopped him appeared to be defensive because of what was on the back of his shirt. They demanded to know what the shirt meant and what his problems were with the police. The Miami police officer

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