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Earlier in the evening President Bill Clinton found hundreds of enthusiastic well-wishers during a visit to the pre-dinner reception.

The President praised the work of the Joint Center, stating his wife, Hillary, used to give him Center reports and then "test" him on their con-

tents.

Maintaining that the Center is a think tank producing "ideas that work," President Clinton said, "I guarantee that the Joint Center will have a seat at the table as long as I'm here."

In his dinner remarks, Joint Center President Eddie N. Williams addressed the need to "halt the urban arms race."

Maintaining that "guns plus drugs equal genocide," Williams declared:

"Through our collective efforts, we can persuade policymakers that urban arms control will require the same kind of national concern and commitment that, as a society, we demonstrated in achieving international arms control."

EOB'S BUS RESERVATION SYSTEM CHANGING

EOB's transportation reservation system is changing on April 1. Beginning that date, the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, a community action agency that provides transportation to senior citizens and persons with disabilities, will begin taking advanced reservations as much as two weeks prior to the travel day.

"This is a dramatic advance-

ment for a paratransit bus system," said EOB Transportation Administrator John Del Mare. "Before this we couldn't accept telephone reservations prior to 48 hours in advance. Now eligible riders can call as much as two weeks in advance to book a reservation for a medical or doctor's appointment, or any other transportation need they may have."

Del Mare credited the breakthrough to the sophisticated computerized reservation system employed by EOB Transportation and a refinement process that has been studied and planned out over the past year.

As a result, the system change will accommodate more riders and will be in compliance with the requirements called for in the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*.

EOB Transportation is a non-profit, community action agency that has been providing around-the-clock transportation to seniors and the disabled since 1974. Since then they have provided more than two million rides to eligible passengers.

They have been a service provider to the Regional Transportation Commission since 1980.

All EOB buses are wheelchair lift equipped in compliance with ADA. The buses run on clean running Compressed Natural Gas for an environmentally clean Las Vegas Valley.

"The bus schedules are expected to fill up quickly with the new system change," Del Mare added. "So it is important for persons wanting rides to contact the EOB reservation dispatch at 646-2063 as much as 14 days in advance."

It is also important that the 900 or so riders we transport daily understand they must call us to cancel their reservation if their travel plans change."

RTC

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ing with LVTS for the corridor's ridership revenues."

Barry Perea, President of Las Vegas Transit System, Inc., mirrored Woodbury's comments and added, "We had a great concern that any negotiations would have to include job preference for existing LVTS employees. In order to successfully conclude negotiations, the RTC agreed to enact a hiring preference for available positions at CAT under conditions set forth in the RTC contract with ATC/VANCOM (RTC's service contract provider for CAT), or under other service contracts that may be executed in the future." Perea further stated that the parent company of LVTS, Inc., First Gray Line West Corp., felt the settlement was fair and equitable to their stockholders.

The parties agreed to release any and all prior claims or causes of action against the other, as well as not pursue any further

legal action as a term of the settlement agreement. Additionally, the terms of the agreement (See RTC, Page 21)

ELECTION RESULTS

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percent and 11 percent of the vote, respectively. The four council candidates will now face off in the June 8 general election, where the top two vote-getters will then serve as at large council members for the close to 50,000 residents of North Las Vegas.

Also in Tuesday's election news, by more than a 2-1 margin, county and city voters rejected park bonds of \$77.4 million and \$50 million, respectively.

Only 29 percent of county voters approved the park measure, while similarly, only 28 percent of city voters supported it.

In the unincorporated county and the city of Las Vegas, the measures, had they been approved, would have meant a property tax increase of approximately \$45 per year on a \$100,000 home.

In the city of Henderson, however, voters overwhelmingly approved a \$18 million park bond that would not result in a tax increase. Fifty-nine percent of voters there supported the measure.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

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"bottom line."

The format of income statements may vary from business to business. The income statement generally opens with the net sales figure that indicates the total amount of sales recorded (less returns and discounts). From this figure, the company's performance. Net income shows how successful the company is in generating profit from its principal operation.

The importance of Footnotes

Don't overlook the footnotes to the financial statements. They generally explain in greater detail captioned items from the balance sheet and income statement. For example, the footnotes might describe the company's debt obligations. Additionally, footnotes explain items not disclosed on the balance sheet or income statement, such as if the company is party to a significant

lawsuit.

Financial Ratios Add Insight

Financial ratios are important tools for measuring business performance. Ratios are particularly useful in comparing a business's performance with the performance of a similar business, or with the industry's standard. In addition, analyzing the same ratio for a company over a period of time can point to important trends.

Don't miss the value of financial statements because of the technical jargon used. Learning to decipher statements is a skill that is worth your investment of time.

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GOALS 2000

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that cover what students should know and be able to do better assessments, and performance-based accountability and performance incentives.

Broad-based state and local processes will be used to engage parents, citizens, business leaders and education professionals in developing the state and local reform actions.

To help state and local reform efforts, the bill formally establishes in law the existing National Education Goals Panel and Educational Standards and Improvement Council.

Together, the Council and the Goals Panel, with the help of national standard-setting organizations, will help establish voluntary national standards that are internationally competitive.

The Council will then be able to certify as world-class those standards and assessments that are voluntarily submitted by states. The National Education Goals

Panel will continue to monitor and report on progress toward the six National Education Goals.

Finally, to strengthen and improve the bond between education and employment, a National Workforce Standards Board will be established to identify essential occupational and workforce skills and create a system of standards, assessments and certification. This will establish life-long learning pathways for youth and adults.

Ten years ago, "A Nation At Risk" was released, warning of us of serious failings in our schools. GOALS 2000 is a first step toward turning a nation at risk into a nation on the move. It provides a framework of partnerships, goals and challenging standards for other Administration initiatives. Substantial in-

vestments in early childhood education development, redesigning of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Office of Educational Research and Improvement during reauthorization, and a new school-to-work transition bill - are other important parts of an overall school improvement strategy.

A solid education for everyone is, of course, good for its own sake ... but it is also an economic imperative in today's world marketplace, and a social imperative for a vibrant democracy. If we don't meet the challenges before us, we will face an unacceptable future for our children and our country. The GOALS 2000: EDUCATE AMERICA ACT is a first step toward an acceptable, brighter future for America's students.

THE WESTSIDE STORY

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Africa were suddenly supposed to be white?! If not, they couldn't claim Egypt as a WHITE civilization! Since the Moors are actual tribes of black people, in all of north Africa, racist whites couldn't call us that anymore either.

So, these barbaric criminals made up a generic name to apply to the whole African world. What they came up with is the word Nigger, which is really a description of the area from which they raped, pillaged, and robbed human bodies along the great NIGER river.

I would challenge any white person who called me a "nigger", because that word is used with racism and hatred. But almost on a daily basis I am called a "nigga" by the boyz in the hood, and I accept the greeting with reverence and pride!

For you see, to be a nigga is to belong to the group of people who wouldn't fall by the wayside. After being exposed to the most barbaric and unbearable conditions in the history of mankind, we preserved and excelled. A nigga is the ORIGINAL man, he can be subjected to crack, crime, police brutality, racism, and bigoted hatred, and all it will do is make him stronger! Yes I am a NIGGA, but I am no man's NIGGER. Being a nigga is recognizing that I am the BEGINNING, THE PRESENT, AND ETERNAL!! peace...



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