

# UNITED WAY SPONSORS SECOND MINORITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

United Way of Southern NV will begin training the second group of participants in the minority leadership program Project Blueprint on July 22. Modeled after a national program which is designed to sensitize human care agencies to the needs of minorities in the community, Project Blueprint helps United Way and other non-profit organizations recruit African-Americans, Asian-Pacific Islanders, Hispanic and Native American Indians volunteers to serve on their boards and committees.

Project Blueprint graduated the first class on May 13, and all of the 22 graduates have been recruited and are now serving on the boards of such organizations as Boy Scouts of America, TADC, Community Food Bank, Catholic Community Services, Musical Arts Society and NALA.

According to Committee Chairperson, Catherine Collins, of Collins Litchfields Ltd., "the committee strives to strengthen Las Vegas' non-profits by making available resourceful individuals who are aware of and sensitive to the needs of our culturally diverse communities.

The graduates will serve as information sources regarding attitudes, perceptions, and issues within our respective minority communities and share them with fellow board members. We are all concerned about the quality of life for all residents

## NEVADA'S SOCIAL WORKERS CALL ON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO AVOID RECONCILIATION COMPROMISE THAT IS "PENNY-WISE AND POUND-FOOLISH"

Las Vegas, Nevada — The Nevada State chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) calls on the Nevada Senators and Representatives to incorporate investments in human service programs in the compromise version of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act and to reject competitiveness by further eroding opportunities for families struggling for economic survival.

Dr. Francine Green, President of the Nevada Chapter of NASW said, "The 1980's should have convinced lawmakers that balancing the budget by bowing to big business is penny-wise and pound-foolish. The deficits

of Southern Nevada and this is just one way we can reach out and impact areas of critical need for a large number of people," says Collins. Community Representatives participating in the second training program include: Ken Evans, US Department of

got bigger, the poor got poorer and the economy ultimately got weaker. Therefore, we call on Senators Reid and Bryan and Representatives Bilbray and Vucanovich to recognize the merits of and have the courage to support a reconciliation bill that is a prudent balance of tax increases, spending cuts and investments on critical social programs."

As social workers who are on the front lines of the human service delivery system, "we see the need not only to reduce the country's fiscal deficit, but also its social need deficit. We call on our congressional delegation to have the same vision," Dr. Green said.

Energy; Carolyn Chatman, Clark County School District; Jorge Hacker, Clark County School District; Jean Jackson, Clark County School District; Karen Labat, Nevada Commission on Economic Development; Michael Nettles, Toys R Us; Wayne

Panoki, Prestige Travel; Albert De Los Santos, CC Sanitation District; Loretta Mallory, LULAC; Manny Hernandez, Louis Realty; Cynthia Mays, Raytheon Services; Janie R. Lopez, US Department of Housing; Ronnie D. Odom, Women's Develop-

ment Center; Janice Pinder, Community College of Southern Nevada.

The second training program will run July through September. For more information on Project Blueprint, call Deborah Campbell at United Way, 892-2319.

The investments of primary importance to families in Nevada include funding for family preservation and support programs and expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)—both of which are in the House-passed version of the bill. The family preservation and support provisions would begin to shift the focus of the child welfare system

from crisis intervention to prevention. Funding would allow the state of Nevada to work with families before problems reach the point where children have to be removed from the home. The expansion of the EITC would reward low-income working families and increase the flow of federal dollars into the state and local communities.

A plus in both bills is the increase in the progressive nature of the tax code. According to the Congressional Budget Office, approximately two-thirds of the tax increases would be borne by families with incomes of more than \$200,000; and three quarters would be paid by families who earn more than \$100,000.

## CONFERENCE PLANNERS!



The National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) Planning Committee met in Dallas, Texas, recently to discuss the organization's upcoming National Conference, scheduled to be held in Dallas at the Radisson Hotel, August 25-29, 1993. The planners included, from left, Thomas L. Houston, Chairman, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce; Oscar J. Coffey, Jr., President and CEO, NBCC and General E. Berry, Jr., Publisher, "Our Texas Magazine." The conference theme will be "Back to the Future: A Committed Past — A Prepared Tomorrow." Coffey said that among the highlights of this summer's conference will be seminars that seek to further involve NBCC members in the tourism industry and with economic development in major cities. Organized in 1983, NBCC strives to promote the growth and development of Black-owned businesses nationwide and also to support Black Chambers of commerce. The organization is headquartered in Oakland, California.

## SIX YEARS OLD AND ALREADY IN LINE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.



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Teachers and supporters attending the banquet were Tish Harris and Hershel Williams; Co-Chairs, Esther McGlothen, Virginia Hodges, Joyce Carnegie, Edgar Harris; David Hoggard, Sr., Lucille Thompson, Virgie Fitzgerald, Bill Evans, Shirley Sateefield, Herbert Freeman, Bill vans, Shirley Hampton, Minnie Crum, Yvonne Smith; Edna M. Perkins, Ernestine Jones, Annie Norwood, JoAnn and James Pughsley, John Bass and Ida Grier.