

CAT REVISES SUMMER SCHEDULE & FARES

Citizens Area Transit will begin a modified schedule effective Saturday, June 25, at 5:30 a.m., the beginning of the service day. New customer assistance materials, including system maps and CAT Guides (a complete listing of all 31 routes and timepoints) are available with updated information.

This literature can be obtained at over 700 locations around the greater Las Vegas area, including the Downtown Transportation Center and the Regional Transportation Commission offices at 301 So. Clark. Requests to have literature mailed, questions about routes and times or general CAT information should be directed to CAT's Customer Assistance Representatives at CAT-RIDE (228-7433.)

In addition to the schedule revisions, CAT will modify the one-way, cash fare on routes 301 and 302, effective June 25. The one-way cash fare on these routes will permanently change from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per person. The fare increase in these routes, which service the tourist corridors of Las Vegas Blvd. to the Downtown area, will only apply to the cash fares, and will not impact any individuals eligible for reduced fare options or those paying with any form of CAT Pass, CAT Coin tokens, or those transferring onto routes 301 or 302 from other CAT routes.

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position in 1989. Under his leadership, the Tribune has adopted a four-color printing format, has moved from a twice-a-week to a three-time-a-week publishing schedule, has added a monthly magazine and has become the first African-American newspaper with a weekly television magazine insert. In his Merit Award-winning news story, the *Michigan Chronicle's* Danton Wilson explores the new phenomenon of Michigan children who are being raised from infancy to learn the "Family drug business."

Quoting a Detroit-area public official, Wilson reports: "The 'family business' bond between drug-dealing parents and their

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tions in the routes will allow better service for citizens and visitors of the valley during the summer period when individual's commuting schedules are traditionally altered somewhat. Citizens Area Transit is a service of the RTC and operates 31 routes over approximately 25,000 service miles on a daily basis.

The fare increase in the lucrative tourist corridor was designed to generate additional revenues which could be used to expand CAT's capabilities throughout the service area. The Commission researched the feasibility and merits of the increase and determined that the additional revenues would be substantial enough to impact CAT's future expansion capabilities. Additionally, the Commission wanted to insure that local citizens who utilize routes 301 and 302 could ride CAT to gain access to employment or leisure activities without having to incur an additional expense. The increase in cash fare only mandates that riders using token, pass, authorized discounts and transfer options would continue access at the lower fare price. Further information regarding CAT's fare options or the system's operations can be obtained by calling CAT-RIDE at 228-7433.

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Earlier this year, as the political crisis in Zaire threatened to undermine the gains of the National Sovereign Conference and the role of the pro-democracy transitional government, I strongly lobbied key member of the Congressional Black Caucus to apply direct pressure on President Bill Clinton. The CBC

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Congressman Donald Payne, a good friend and colleague (See *Blk Empowerment*, Pg 22)

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and businesses in underserved communities," said Dr. William F. Gibson, NAACP National Chairman. "Both of these individuals bring solid experience, valuable contacts and tremendous knowledge of Nevada's communities to their positions."

As Director of Center Operations, Councilman Hawkins is responsible for helping consumers gain access to affordable housing, consumer lending and general financial education. He will assist in the development and presentation of curriculum for seminars, special events and publications to educate consumers about general banking practices, procedures, specific loan products, and services offered by U.S. Bank for consumers and small business people. He also will work directly with public and private agencies throughout Nevada that are engaged in community development and economic development activities in local communities.

Harris assumes the position of Business Development Coordinator, and responsible for promoting small business, economic development, public and private partnerships and business development outreach. Her objectives include establishing a computer-based Business Development Resource and Referral Laboratory containing general and specific information of interest to business owners and individuals interested in starting new businesses. She also plans to conduct an aggressive outreach program, including a strong focus on youth entrepreneurial leadership development programs. Harris was formerly a community lending officer with U.S. Bancorp Mortgage, where she arranged mortgage loans for low- to moderate-income individuals, hosted monthly home buying seminars and conducted quarterly meetings with community groups and realtors.

"U.S. Bank of Nevada is delighted to join forces with the NAACP to bring the Community Resource Development Center to the West," said Pete Landis, U.S. Bank of Nevada president and chief executive officer. "We have tremendous confidence in Councilman Hawkins' and Ms. Harris' abilities to gauge community needs throughout Nevada and serve as consumer and small business advocates."

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July 29 - Janlyn Dance Company

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800 S. Brush 229-6383

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July 6 - The Animal Band

July 13 - Loren Kahn Puppet Theatre

July 20 - "The Time Machine"

July 27 - Janlyn Dance Company