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including laws requiring or supporting discrimination, as well as customs and practices that affect presenting-day availability or business development;

2. Anecdotal evidence from minority business owners of specific instances of discrimination, as well as information from all business owners about the conditions in the marketplace they encounter;

3. Economic data on the condition and availability of minority businesses in a local area;

4. Close analysis of public entity's procurement policies and procedures. An entity's practices themselves will often have a disparate impact on minority owned businesses. Any entity which embarks on a disparity study must examine its own action first;

5. The entity's utilization of minority owned businesses, compared with their availability in the general marketplace and to the public entity itself;

6. Analysis of race-neutral programs that may have supported minority business enterprises.

**Remember. Self-Improvement is the Key—as a People, as a Nation!** Any question? Write to me c/o Business, The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, 1201 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104 or call (702) 456-3838.

**FREE POETRY CONTEST OPEN TO LAS VEGAS POETS**

A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by Hollywood's Famous Poets Society, open to everyone in the Las Vegas area. There are 25 prizes in all, worth over \$2,500.

Says Poetry Editor Martha French; "Nevada has produced great poets over the years, and I expect this contest to yield exciting discoveries."

The deadline for entering is July 1, 1994. Winners will be announced on September 1 at which time all prizes will be awarded and a winner's list sent to all entrants.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 730, Hollywood, CA 90028.

**POET'S CORNER**

The tragic O.J. Simpson story daily unfolds more tragic news. No matter what the trial outcome; this is the final end of O.J.

*The Final End of O.J. Simpson*

By Clyde Lenny Dinkins

The stadium is empty  
And the fans are all gone;  
While super hero Simpson  
In a cell sits forlorn.  
Time there was  
We cheered him along;  
Football speed and agility  
Naturally born.  
From project ghetto  
A superstar's new dawn.  
Murder has shattered this;  
O.J. is now destiny's pawn.  
The stadium is empty  
And the fans are all gone.

*Trapped in a Teardrop*

By Kamau Khalfani

Sitting upon my throne with my queen at my side  
My eyes refuse to reveal what has bruised my silly pride  
The torch has been passed from generation  
To generation  
But the emptiness in my stomach ignores the royal proclamation  
I'm trying to achieve a goal against all odds  
To cheat destiny and earn the respect of God  
I'm afraid of failure and intimidated by success  
Yet I'm constantly trying to achieve, always upon some quest  
I won't sink to the bottom and I can't make it to the top  
I'm just a thought away from my world  
I'm trapped inside a teardrop.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY FACTS TO KNOW**

By Gwen Walker

**Emancipation of 500 Anniversary**

August 1, 1791, Virginia planter, Robert Carter III, confronted his family and friends by filing a deed of emancipation for his 500 slaves. One of the wealthiest men in the state, Carter owned 60,000 acres over 18 plantations. The deed included the following words:



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"I have, for some time past, been convinced that to retain them in slavery is contrary to the true principles of Religion and therefore, it is my duty to manumit them."

The document established a schedule by which 15 slaves would be freed and on Jan. 21, over a 21-year period, plus, slave children would be freed at age 18 for females and 21 for males. It is believed this was the largest act of emancipation in U.S. history and precluded the Emancipation Proclamation by 70 years.

The month of August is National Catfish Month  
August 1st is Emancipation Day in Trinidad and Tobago, a public holiday.

August 2 - Emancipation Day for the Bahamas, a public holiday.

Jamaican Independence Day - National holiday observing achievement of Jamaican Independence on Aug. 6, 1962. Annually the first Monday in August.

August 4 - Civil Rights Workers found slain: After disappearing on June 21, three civil rights workers, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were found murdered and buried in an earthen dam outside Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Return your ties with old friends on Friendship Day, Aug. 1st. In 1935, Congress sanctioned the first Sunday in August as Friendship Day. This a day to heed the advice of 18th century English philosopher Samuel Johnson, "A man should keep his friendship in constant repair."

Read more about it at the West Las Vegas Library!  
**NEEDED!** A banjo player and a fiddler player for a program at the West Las Vegas Library. Call Nancy Hutchinson at 647-2117.

**1994 ELECTION SURVEY**

**IF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD TODAY, WHO WOULD YOU VOTE FOR IN THESE KEY RACES?**



**GOVERNOR**

- Samuel Bull (D)
- Rhinestone Cowboy (D)
- Thomas Gaule (D)
- Jan Jones (D)
- Bob Miller\* (D)
- Carlo Poliak (D)
- Ned Eyre (R)
- Jim Gibbons (R)
- Cheryl Lau (R)
- Hilary Milko (R)
- Suzanne Nounna (R)
- Ken Santor (R)
- Denis Sholty (L)

- Phil Miranda
- Bob Murray
- Randy Oaks
- Christopher Petrella
- Ron Rivero
- Steve Rybar
- Don Simons
- Warren Stephens
- John Sullivan
- Harry Tootle
- Ed Uehling
- Marie Voekler
- Bruce Walters

**SHERIFF**

- Beecher Avants
- Christopher Chapel
- Joe Daugherty
- John DiMaggio
- Joseph Ippolito
- Jerry Keller
- Larry Kepler
- Ralph Lamb
- Jacqueline Marsh
- Richard Masielle

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- Stewart Bell (D)
- Carolyn Ellsworth (D)
- Brad Jerbic (D)
- Ulrich Smith (R)

Return your selections to:  
Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice  
c/o '94 ELECTION SURVEY  
1201 So. Eastern Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104  
**(Results will be printed soon)**  
NOTE: \* Denotes Incumbent

**1. What is the single most pressing issue facing the African-American community?**

- A. Crime
- B. Education
- C. Business Opportunities
- D. Fair Housing

**2. Which is the most pivotal race for African-Americans this election year?**

- A. Clark County District Attorney's Race
- B. Sheriff's Race
- C. Senate Race
- D. Governor's Race

**3. How important is your own ethnicity in making political choices?**

- A. Very important
- B. Moderately important
- C. Bears no importance

**4. How important is a candidate's commitment to minorities and ethnically related issues?**

- A. Very important
- B. Moderately important
- C. Bears no importance

**5. What is the most important qualification for a candidate who seeks the vote of the black community?**

- A. Proven sensitivity to minority issues
- B. Social programs which include minority participation
- C. Effective leadership and initiative in response to minorities

