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STUDENT DRUG TESTING ENDORSED

In a ruling that could affect millions of American teens, the Supreme Court Monday ruled that public high schools and middle schools may compel student athletes to submit to drug tests. The ruling came on a 6-3 vote in an Oregon case, with the majority of justices finding that mandatory random drug tests of students would not violate the constitutional protection against unreasonable searches. The dissenting justices said the ruling promotes "intrusive blanket searches of school children, most of whom are innocent."

POLICE ARREST 300 IN PROTEST OVER DEATH ROW INMATE

SAN FRANCISCO - About 300 people were arrested in a fiery demonstration by advocates for the homeless and a group protesting the death sentence of a black activist, police said Tuesday. Protesters set fire to dumpsters and damaged several police vehicles in Monday night's demonstration. Those arrested would face charges such as inciting a riot and arson. No one was reported injured. The protesters were from Food Not Bombs, a group which has often been in trouble with San Francisco authorities for feeding the homeless without a permit, and from a coalition of groups protesting the death sentence against a black political activist in Pennsylvania, news reports said. About 200 demonstrators, many of them carrying torches, marched from downtown San Francisco to the nearby Mission District, where they were joined by hundreds more demonstrators. Many of the demonstrators were protesting the death sentence handed down in Pennsylvania to political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal. Abu-Jamal, 41, was convicted of the 1981 killing of a police officer and is scheduled to be executed Aug. 17, but his lawyers allege prosecutors suppressed evidence that could have cleared him and are calling for a new trial.

Job Fair Brings More Than 500 To WLVA Public Housing Complex

By Victor S. Ingram

A major concern for West Las Vegas residents? "Jobs", according to informal surveys by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police patrol officers. On Saturday, June 24 Northwest Area Command Metro officers along with co-sponsorship from the Las Vegas Housing Authority did something about the problem. The two groups joined in coordinating a community job fair which featured more

than 500 eager job seekers. Held at the Gerson Park Housing Complex at the intersection of Martin Luther King Avenue and Lake Mead Blvd, the job fair was part of Metro's community policing Weed & Seed program. A comprehensive anti-crime initiative, Weed & Seed seeks to "weed" the community of negative crime elements while "seeding" the community with

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More than 500 potential applicants turned out for Metro's and the Housing Authority's Job Fair in Gerson Park. Photo by Victor Ingram

Nationally Renown Transplant Surgeon to Speak in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS — A special community forum welcoming Clive O. Callender, M.D., founder of the National Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), will be held at Cashman Field, club level restaurant on Wed., July 5. The public is welcome to the free 5 p.m. reception that will honor Dr. Callender, who is also director of the Transplant Center at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Dr. Callender will speak during Surgical Grand Rounds of the Department of Surgery, University of Nevada School of Medicine from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6 at 2040 W. Charleston Blvd., sixth floor conference rooms. During the free lecture, Dr. Callender will discuss the Transplant Center at Howard University Hospital and the National Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Program.

Dr. Callender founded MOTTEP in 1991 and in June 1993, the program



CLIVE O. CALLENDER, M.D.

was given contract funding of \$1.2 million by the Office of Research on Minority Health at the national Institutes of Health. The funding enabled MOTTEP to evolve and expand into 11 cities to increase minority organ/tissue transplant donations nationally.

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National Black Caucus Of Local Elected Officials To Meet In Vegas

Las Vegas — The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), a caucus group of the National League of Cities, will hold their Summer Conference and Meeting at Harrah's Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, during the weekend of June 30 through July 2, 1995.

NBC-LEO was created in 1970 by Black local elected officials to influence national policy positions and promote the special interests and needs of the

African American community. One of the organization's objectives is to increase minority participation on the National League of Cities (NLC) steering and policy committees to ensure that policy and program recommendations reflect minority concerns and benefit minority communities. NBC-LEO also works independently with its members to inform them on issues as well as ways to achieve minority objectives through legislation and direct action.

North Las Vegas Councilman John Rhodes, one of the hosts for this year's conference, said that the topics addressed will include such issues as entrepreneurship, government reorganization, coalition building, political redistricting and economic development. North Las Vegas Councilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Theron Goynes is one of the panelists on coalition building. North Las Vegas

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West Las Vegas Library Theatre Opening Celebrations

Dr. E.J. Josey, noted author, librarian and activist is the keynote speaker Friday, June 30, at 6:00 p.m., during the West Las Vegas Theatre, 951 West Lake Mead Blvd., opening celebration. The public is invited to share music and entertainment by CODAME; Meistersingers; Rupert Henry Steel Drum Band; ANAWATH Spanish Ballet Troupe; and *Paradise Bound* with performer Ron Stevenson.

The celebration continues Saturday, July 1, noon to 5:00 p.m., with entertainment by local performers and tours of the new theatre. Director Oscar

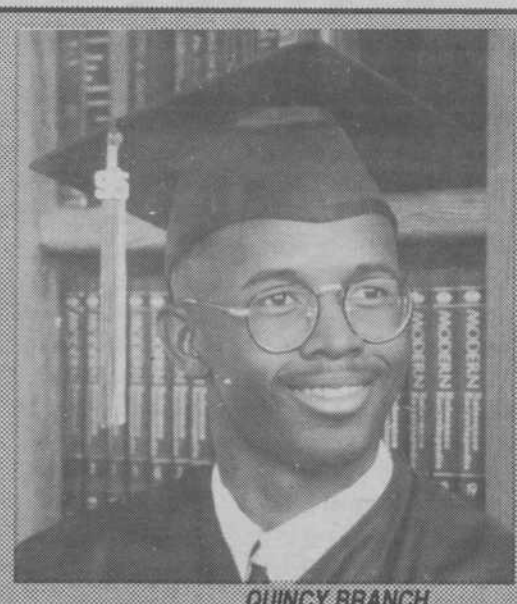
Robinson presents scores from *The Cabaret*, including *Ain't Misbehaving* and *Purlie, Raisin* at 8:00 p.m. in the theatre.

Las Vegas Gospel Theatre presents *Blood Sisters* by Mary Etta Scales Clinton, a two-act play of childhood friends who discover real love too late, free to the public, Sunday, July 2nd only at 3:30 p.m.

The characters are accidentally reunited after years of separation, only to share a time of envy, hatred, revenge and betrayal.

For more information, call 647-2118.

Bonanza graduate Quincy Branch recently received an Athletic and Academic Scholarship from Mesa State College. SEE PAGE 18



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