

# NEWS CLIPS

## HOUSING AUTHORITY SETTLES SUIT WITH FORMER MADISON TERRACE TENANTS

The Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas has settled a lawsuit filed by four former-residents of the Madison Terrace complex. Susie Barlow, Charlotte Rabb, Arleata James and Diana Hayes will receive \$24,000 in exchange for dropping a lawsuit alleging unhealthy living conditions. Roaches, leaky ceilings, and broken toilets were some of the allegations made in the complaint. The complex was closed in Jan. 1995 after it was deemed unlivable by Housing Authority officials. Hundreds of tenants were moved out of the property to make way for renovations. The tenants were represented by Nevada Legal Services.

## ENSIGN HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Rep. John Ensign, R-Nev., will town hall meetings to address questions about the federal budget talks and other concerns Friday and Saturday. The Friday meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Henderson Silver Springs Recreation Center, 1951 Silver Springs Pkwy. The Saturday meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Flamingo Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd.

## A.G. GASTON DIES AT 103

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A.G. Gaston, a insurance and banking millionaire, died Friday. He was 103. Gaston, the grandson of a slave, bailed Martin Luther King Jr. out of the Birmingham jail in the 1960 out of fear that the civil rights movement would die without him. Fatefully, it was during this incarceration that King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," to fellow clergy urging them to continue the civil rights movement. Gaston is survived by his wife, Minnie, and five grandchildren.

## RACISM SUSPECTED MOTIVE IN ALABAMA CHURCH FIRES

BOLIGEE, Ala. — Four black churches have been burned to the ground within the last month in the small rural town. The churches were all within a six mile radius. Buddy Lavendar, the mayor, police and fire department in the 300 resident town, said "It appeared that they are trying to destroy black churches. The only question is who did it and why." Federal officials are investigating the crime to see if there is a link between these fires and five similar church fires in Tennessee, where the last church to burn was covered with racial slurs.

## FBI LAUNCHES CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION AFTER BOY TIED TO TREE AND BEATEN

NEW ZION, S.C. — FBI investigators launched a civil rights investigation Friday after a nine-year-old black boy was punched and kicked after being tied to a tree by the parents of a playmate. Benjamin Mims, 62, and Betty Mims, 43, were arrested and charged with second-degree lynching by state officials. They spent one night in jail before each posted \$5000 in bonds. The boy, whose name was not printed in wire reports, was tied to a tree after being accused of stealing from a Mims' family truck. He told police that he had been playing the Mims' nine-year-old son and a 13-year-old cousin when he was put out of the house by Betty Mims. The children reportedly pushed him into the truck then said he was stealing. Emergency room doctors said his injuries were consistent with his version of the story.

## ARISTIDE WEDS AMERICAN-BORN LEGAL ADVISOR

TABBARE, Haiti — Jean-Bertrand Aristide, 42, wed his legal advisor, Mildred Trouillot, 33, a American-born Haitian attorney Saturday. Aristide, a former-priest, has been roundly criticized for marrying Trouillot, who has been characterized as a patrician, lighter skinned foreigner, wires reported. The couple married before a crowd of at least 500 guests, which included U.S. Generals, Haitian Cabinet members, and Roman Catholic clergy.

## UNITED NATIONS LOSING PATIENCE WITH ANGOLA REBELS

VILLA NOVA, Angola — United Nations (U.N.) officials have threatened to pull out of a 6,400-soldier peacekeeping force if rebel leader doesn't demobilize his troops, wire services reported Wednesday. Jonas Savimbi, who leads the National Union for the Independence of Angola (UNITA), met with Madeline Albright, the U.S. Ambassador to the U. N. last week. It has been reported that she was disappointed with the limited progress since Savimbi last promised to dismantle his troops in 1994. Rumors abound that Savimbi, has already broken four pledges to demobilize, is stalling while planning to again pick up arms. The U.N. troops cost \$1 million a day to maintain.

# AIRPORT

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owner of B.T.U. News and Gifts.

Vendors were upset that new carts were brought into the airport in 1995, and they paid a flat 12 percent rate, Ulivari said.

"The carts were supposed to be unique and non-competitive," he said.

But he found that the carts were neither. He said they often sold the exact same items DBEs sold at a cheaper rate, because they didn't have to invest as much into their business.

W.H. Smith Airport Services, Inc., who subleases the space to the vendors, expanded DBE opportunities at the airport in 1994 when they agreed to give up 30 percent of their business in exchange for a lease extension until the year 2000, company officials said.

Beyond having their contract

## BLK HISTORY

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Feb. 22, 23 and 24.

Artist-in-Residence Frankie Manning, the king of swing will be featured in a three-day long workshop featuring the popular dance style. Manning was featured in Harlem's great dance halls in the 1920's. He created the first air step and the first Lindy Hop ensemble routine.

Ella Fitzgerald, Sara Vaughn, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and Duke Ellington were just a few of the famous names with whom he shared the stage.

He returned triumphantly to show business in 1986 after working at the U.S. Postal Service where he won a Tony Award in 1989 for his work on "Black and Blue," a hit Broadway musical.

He also choreographed Debbie Allen's "Stompin' at the Savoy," a NBC made-for-television movie and served as a dance consultant on Spike Lee's docu-drama "Malcolm X" since his return.

Manning will host a free Master Class at the Center at 6 p.m. Feb. 22. The community is invited to attend. On Feb. 23, he will host a free two-hour Lindy Hop and Jitterbug dance workshop at the Center at 7 p.m., and Manning will perform again Feb. 24 in a one and half hour long workshop.

Manning's son Chazz Young and legendary Savoy Theater dancer Norma Miller will also be showcased during the weekend festivities.

Pre-registration is required for all events.

For more information, call 229-4900.

H.P. Fitzgerald has not finalized a February itinerary at press time, and the West Las Vegas Library Theatre didn't return requests for information on deadline.

locked in until the year 2000, W.H. Smith doesn't profit from the minority vendors, said Kathy Ayres, the general manager of six W.H. Smith stores at the airport.

All rental costs are passed directly from the airport to the vendors, who even purchase inventory from their local distribution center, Ayres said.

The agreement "actually costs me money, because I have to store the inventory," Ayres said.

Should the vendors get a rent reduction, the savings would also be passed along to W.H. Smith.

W.H. Smith, which already subleased two shops to R.L.W., Inc., agreed to bring in more vendors but submitted the proposal establishing rent rates before the three new owners came on board, Ulivarri said.

"It was already a done deal when we moved in (July 1995)," he said. "Everyone else moved in after me."

"(W.H. Smith) didn't realize with our locations traffic that we wouldn't be able to make it,"

Ulivarri said.

The vendors last year brought their concerns to W.H. Smith and airport officials, who examined their complaints.

"The airport agreed last summer that the rent was too high," said Ayres.

## HAWKINS

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"Good damn riddance."

"Frank (Hawkins) could have been a hero on that housing board. He could have helped a lot residents and lot of seniors, but he chose to go the other way with the good old boy system," she said. "There should have been residents sitting on that board, and he should have listened to the residents more than he did."

Patricia Brown, president of the Marble Manor resident's council, was relieved.

"He was the first one who started throwing us out of the meeting if we were talking about something that they didn't want the public to know about," she said.

Ulivarri said airport officials have been working hard to keep all businesses at the airport successful.

The final report is scheduled for presentation at the Feb. 20 Commission meeting, airport officials said Wednesday.

"When he first came on, it seemed like he was thinking for himself. I thought that he was interested in making changes," she said.

"After two or three or months, he stopped taking calls from residents and stopped showing any concerns for the problems. Like, I don't care. I don't want to know about it," Brown said.

Hawkins was appointed to a four-year term on the board in 1993. He served as chairman for a year starting June 1994. He nows works as director of operations at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Community Development Center, which is operated in conjunction with the U.S. Bank.

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