

NEWS CLIPS

TEEN-AGER GETS LIFE FOR KILLING GIRLFRIEND

Damion Jackson, the 15-year-old convicted of fatally shooting his girlfriend after an argument this past October, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Jackson, who was riding his bicycle, shot Elizabeth Davis Oct. 22 after the two argued on the corner of G. Street and Leonard Avenue. A blood trail lead from the corner to the doorstep of 1625 G. St. where Davis died. An autopsy determined that the victim was shot in the back. Jackson must spend at least 20 years behind bars before officials may consider releasing him on parole.

ROUGE OWNER SELECTED FOR WHO'S WHO

Sarah Ann Knight Preddy, co-owner of the Moulin Rouge hotel, has been selected for inclusion in the 1996-97 edition of the national directory of Who's Who in Executives and Professionals. The selection was made after careful consideration and evaluation by the selection committee. The publication is received by only selected members and this year's edition will be registered at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

GOVERNOR LOOKING FOR YOUTH TO SERVE

Gov. Bob Miller is looking for 10 teen-agers to serve on a panel that will advise him on how to tackle the state's growing teen pregnancy problem and other young people problems as part of his youth advisory council. Officials are hoping for a diverse group of teens to apply for membership. "We want kids from every background and class standing, including maybe youth who have dropped out of schools. That's the only way this will be truly meaningful," said Luana Ritch of the state Health Division. In 1995, Nevada ranked second in the nation for teen pregnancy among girls 15 to 19 years old and first in girls 18 and 19. The state was 10th in pregnancies for girls younger than 15. The creation of the 10-member youth advisory council is the first step of a new state program aimed at reducing the number of young mothers in Nevada. Officials are making a special effort to encourage at-risk youth to apply, not just honor students. For more information contact the state health division listed in your telephone book.

JESSE'S OSCAR PROTEST DISMISSED

LOS ANGELES-Jesse Jackson and about 75 protesters gathered at the Los Angeles ABC affiliate Monday night to voice their displeasure about the lack of minorities receiving Oscar nominations. There were also small protests in New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. The show's host, Whoopi Goldberg, used her opening monologue to defuse the protest. She ridiculed Jackson's call for participants to wear multicolored ribbons. "You don't ask a black woman to buy an expensive dress and then cover it with ribbons," she said.

KLAN EXHIBIT STIRRING CONTROVERSY

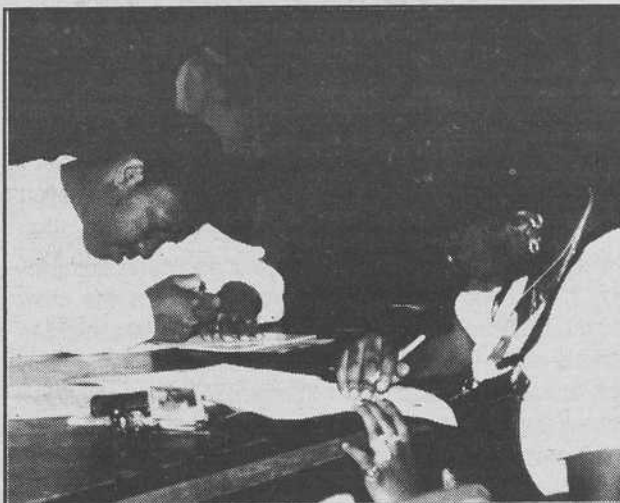
TUCSON-It hasn't come to town yet, but a photo exhibit about the Ku Klux Klan is raising concerns among civil rights groups that it could glorify the white supremacist group. The works of William Christenberry, a KKK opponent, are scheduled to go on display April 21 at the University of Arizona's Center for Creative Photography. Delores Grayam of the Tucson Civil Rights Coalition said she is not interested in stifling artistic freedom, but she's worried about how the work will be presented. "We are concerned that it might legitimize what the Klan stands for, which is hatred and racism. The exhibit, titled "Reconstruction: William Christenberry's Art," includes a selection from his collection of more than 400 objects, photographs, drawings, sculptures and paintings that explore and critique the Klan.

COLIN POWELL STILL SAYS THANKS BUT NO THANKS

WASHINGTON-Ret. General Colin Powell has not changed his mind about running for president, vice-president or any other national office. In fact, Powell said "it would make life easier" if his admirers would stop asking. He was honored recently at an International Republican Institute dinner, when during his speech, he made no mention of a foray into national politics. Instead Powell focused on international political changes he witnessed as a member of President Reagan's national security team and later as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "I've answered the question and I thought I answered rather completely," he said after the program. "I'm honored and flattered that people would continue to speculate about it, but I've made my decision."

ABUSE CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST PARENTS ACCUSED OF FEEDING CHILDREN COCKROACHES

CHICAGO-Prosecutors have dropped all criminal charges against a couple whose four children claimed they had been fed rats and cockroaches, sexually abused and injected with drugs by their father. Even when child abuse has been common, the children's allegations seemed too horrible to believe. The children eventually admitted to a Chicago Tribune reporter that they made the entire thing up, then stuck by their story.



Job fair participants complete applications during the day-long Southern Nevada Enterprise Community event Saturday.

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attendees. According to him, African-American's success hinges on job availability.

"This is a capitalist country and jobs are the essence of what makes the economic machine go," Woods explained. "African-Americans are part of that machine and we have to put dollars into the community to make ourselves competitive and viable."

Are there inherent roadblocks in the way for African-American employment? According to Conway, there may be a few, but the biggest problem stems from a lack of communication between the future employee and the employer.

"There are people who told me before we held this job fair that they didn't know how to approach a potential employer. They wanted to know what was expected from them," Conway said. "On the other hand, the employers didn't understand the community either. Our hope is that if we can just bring them together and allow them to

interact, something can be worked out for both sides."

Yvonne Atkinson Gates, chairwomen of the county Board of Commissioners and Southern Nevada Enterprise Community chair, said the job fair was no pie in the sky dream and expects a definitive benefit from the event.

"There's a big difference the way this fair was handled compared to others in the past," Gates said. "I know there are jobs here because I personally called employers and asked them to commit to jobs. These are employers who actually have jobs to offer."

Conway said the time, effort, and planning associated with the event has prompted them to hold the career day and job fair once a year, but depending upon the event's success, they are contemplating a bi-annual event.

"We are really excited to be part of this and to bring such a worthy project to the community," Gates said. "It's a benefit to the community and the county government to make sure those who want to work can work."

Lifeline offered to first-time dads

By Nichole Davis
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Nevada's only comprehensive "First Time Fathers Program" is offered by Lifeline Family Life Pregnancy Assistance Vocational Educational Center.

The non-profit Lifeline is dedicated to improving the lives of pregnant and parenting women and men in need. The program provides free classes and support groups to 18 young Las Vegas fathers now enrolled.

The problems faced by the men involved are the same whether they had full or joint custody of their children, according to Jimmy Cullors, the program coordinator.

"Mainly they're directing all their anger at the female, because she's not there (physically or emotionally)," said Cullors, a former Detroit police officer and single father of three.

The program's group work is supplemented by a strong educational component. Every participant continues his education while in the FTFP. They can take G.E.D. classes, regular high school classes or independent study classes on site.

But Cullors' ultimate goal goes beyond education; he

wants his participants to change their view of themselves and dream of owning their own businesses.

Besides their traditional curriculum, Cullors' students work internships in photography, printing, advertising and business management.

Eventually, he expects many will attend college, but first they need the exposure. And he welcomes hard sells.

"The rougher the guy is, the more of a challenge it is," he said.

By all accounts the program is working. One student is court-mandated to attend. The remaining participants come of their own free will, and the class exceed its maximum capacity of 15 participants.

The real challenge will come this summer when juvenile delinquents with children will start the non-funded \$70,000 a year program, he said.

Lifeline's Founder, Ruth McGroarty, dreamed up the FTFP, which complements the agency's existing services. For more than two years, she searched for a way to help young men. So when Cullors became available in October, the agency moved forward with high hopes

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