



Annual walk to benefit AFAN set for Sunday

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Aid For AIDS of Nevada will hold its 8th annual AIDS walk on Sunday, March 29.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in front of the Fashion Show Mall, for the walk which officials hope will raise more than \$100,000 so they can continue servicing more than 1,700 men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS.

The money — 83 percent of it, according to AFAN officials — goes directly into the services it provides: health, transportation, education and case management. The other 17 percent pays three caseworkers and two

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administrators to run the program.

The route will take participants from Macy's at the Fashion Show Mall, down the Las Vegas Strip to the New York New York Hotel, and back to the mall, where closing ceremonies will take place at 11 a.m..

Individuals and teams are asked to collect at least \$25 in sponsorships. Many businesses are sponsoring teams of ten walkers at \$200 each.

Besides doing something to join the fight against the immune system diseases, AFAN officials and walk sponsors cite other reasons

for participating.

"It's a lot of fun," said Randall Hempling of Lake Mead Hospital Medical Center, one of the event's many corporate sponsors. "Besides that, sooner or later everyone will know someone who has been either inflicted with AIDS or impacted in some other way by the disease. People from all walks of life, not just one group, have AIDS, and the disease has an enormous impact not only on them but also on their family and friends."

Macy's, Coors, Fox 5 and many other

businesses have signed on.

Jennifer Markham, promotional director of Mix 94.1, another sponsor, said the radio station is thrilled at partnering with others to make a difference in the fight against HIV and AIDS. "We're always looking for opportunities to be involved with the community and this was a home run for Mix."

AFAN officials said everyone needs to get educated about AIDS prevention, and that coming to the walk is a great place to start.

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Gates hearings moved to May

By John T. Stephens
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State Ethics Commission has done an unprecedented flip flop in regards to Clark County Commissioner Lorraine



ATKINSON GATES Hunt's involvement in rewarding of airport concession stands to personal acquaintances. The Commission had excused Hunt from any wrong doing in the concession contracts, sighting unsubstantial evidence against her.

Due to the turn of events in Hunt's situation, Clark County Chairwoman Yvonne Atkinson Gates felt that the charges against her should also be dropped. The commissioner feels that she is being politically assaulted and singled out in these ethics proceedings.

Commissioners Lance Malone and Myrna Williams who are also being investigated for similar charges and will come before the Ethics Commission in May. Due to uncertainty of the law involving Malone and Williams and charges being dismissed the first day of the hearings against Hunt, left Gates alone to face the probing ethics board.

African-Americans were in abundance at City Hall to show support for Gates. Many critics and supporters feel that she is playing the race card as a means to shield her from retribution and disciplinary procedures of the Board.

Michael Chambliss and political fund raiser Judy Klein are the individuals Gates has allegedly lobbied airport officials for preferential concession contracts at McCarran International Airport's new D gate.

Chambliss who Gates says she has known for at least 17 years argues that they have a professional relationship. Professional enough that he was paid 46,500 dollars over a period of three years to win her re-election in 1996.

Hunt who was totally cleared by the commission has been inducted again into the fact finding mission of the existence of cronyism and nepotism in the doling out of airport concession contracts.

Simply Out of This World...

Models from Tiffany's Paradise Of Hair, Shannon Williams, left, first place finisher of the Fantasy competition and Neicy Marshall, third place, strut their stuff in the First City Wide African-American Hair/Fashion Extravaganza at the Riviera Hotel & Casino earlier this month.

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Recipients slow to move off rolls

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WASHINGTON — A pending deadline did little to encourage welfare recipients to move off the rolls more quickly on their own, researchers found.

The study of a program in Pensacola, Fla., — the nation's first to evaluate time limits — also found that by the time they were kicked off welfare, only about half of welfare recipients had found a job.

For most of the nation's history, cash assistance was available as long as needed to anyone poor enough to qualify. But in 1996, Pensacola became the first place to remove people because they had hit a time limit.

Today, welfare recipients across the country face a five-year time limit imposed by the 1996 federal welfare overhaul law. Many states impose shorter limits. Florida's is two years for most welfare recipients.

The Florida report, released Monday by Manpower Demonstration Research Corp., offered a look into the future but did not measure conclusively how people forced from the rolls are faring. Florida officials and other supporters of time limits noted that the study found no horror stories. But the limits also didn't produce the positive effect of getting people to move off the rolls voluntarily.

Black leaders praise Clinton's Africa trip

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WASHINGTON, DC — African-American leaders heaped heavy praise on President Bill Clinton for his extensive visit to six African countries.

The President's historic 10-day trip (March 22-April 2) to sub-Saharan Africa includes visits to Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Botswana and Senegal. He is accompanied by a large delegation of top ranking U.S. officials, members of Congress, African-American leaders, and some U.S. business executives.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the President's visit to the African continent is "the first comprehensive trip to Africa ever undertaken by a sitting American president and

is occurring at an auspicious time." She said President Clinton intends to "spotlight the new and forward-looking Africa."

The Rev. Leon Sullivan, convener of the African African-American Summit said, "I am excited about President Clinton going to Africa and speaking out for and on behalf of Africa. This is a golden opportunity for the United States to build real supportive interest in Africa, in education, human development and jobs. I hope his words will be followed up with action. Our organization, IFESH, stands ready to help and work with the President to see that this relationship between America and Africa becomes a productive reality."

C. Payne Lucas, President of Africare, who

is accompanying the President on the African trip, said, "The fact that Mrs. Hillary Clinton and President Clinton both made trips to Africa is a bold statement that America is no longer looking at the problems of Africa but looking at the continent's success and economic potential. President Clinton is saying that Africa and America have far more in common, economically. This trip will change the whole nature of the relationship between Africa and America, from a trade and a cultural perspective."

In his own pre-trip message to the people of Africa, President Clinton said, "This journey (to Africa) will be my opportunity, and yours, to

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