

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Special Graduation Ceremony to Recognize Black Graduates
 Sunday, May 30, 3 pm, Second Baptist Church, 500 Madison Avenue. The Black Community Organizations (B-CON) Network is hosting the annual B-CON Baccalaureate Program, to recognize graduating African-American high school seniors from throughout Clark County. The B-CON program has become a tradition for black students to participate in, and is held in addition to each high school's regular graduation ceremony. B-CON graduates will receive a special gold medallion to commemorate their participation in the ceremony.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Candidate Forum with Las Vegas General Election Candidates, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Spring Valley Library, 4280 S. Jones. Call Lee Haynes at 228-9188.... **Canine Companions for Independence**, 7 pm, West Charleston Library Conference Room, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd. Paul and Mary Jackson of K-9 Therapists will speak about pet therapy. CCI a national, non-profit organization enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.... **Starting Your Own Business?** 6 pm, North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive. Come and meet experts from The Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center, SCORE and the Micro Enterprise Initiative who will tell you about getting money, managing and marketing. 633-1070.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

"Jazz in the Park" concert features Panamanian pianist Danilo Perez, 7:30 pm, Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.... **Media Training in Las Vegas (MediaEssentials)**, held by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of So. Nevada & the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), 9 am - 5 pm. For members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied community. Call the Center at 733-9800 to RSVP for the training.... **21st Annual Black and Gold Ball**, 9 pm - until, Arizona Charlie's (Palace Grand Ballroom). The Forgyce Club- Las Vegas Chapter will host this event. No-host cocktails-Dancing-Hors d'oeuvres-Door Prizes. Tickets \$20 per person. Come and join the fun! Tickets info. call 648-0166, 639-6254 or 648-5598.

ONGOING

Ms. Senior Nevada Pageant is seeking contestants for the 1999 statewide event to be held August 1 at the Carson City Community Center. The Pageant is open to all female residents of Nevada who are 60 years and older. Contact Karen Cummins 566-7812.... **Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County's new Senior Center summer registration** going on now for computer, Spanish and painting classes. Other services and activities provided free to seniors are: nutrition, ceramic classes, quilting, fitness room, Bingo sessions and more. Call 647-2536 and speak to Hazel Geran or Ida Davis.... **Left of Center Resident Artists Invitational**, through June 30th, Left of Center Art Gallery, 2207 W. Gowan Rd. An exhibit of works of resident artists as well as featuring new works by artists in the L.O.C. mentoring program. An exciting variety of paintings in various styles and techniques. Call 647-7378 for information.... It's not too late for **Registration for Summer Camps-Summer Safari** by Clark County Parks and Recreation, Monday through Friday, 7 am - 6 pm. Sessions will be held June 7 through August 6. For children who have completed Kindergarten - 5th grade. Includes arts and crafts, drama, sports, games and fitness, dance and music as well as special events and field trips. Call for rates and registration to 455-8251.... **United Ski Clubs of Las Vegas Social Meetings**, Thursday evenings, 7:45 pm - 9 pm, Moose McGillyCuddy's. It's a year-round social club devoted to weekend and midweek trips for skiing, snowboarding and other numerous trips. Contact Andrew Larson at 392-SNOW (7669).... **Retired Public Employees of Nevada Meetings**, 2 pm, the second Monday of every month, American Legion Hall, 733 Veterans Memorial Drive. Call 878-0182 or 649-3827 for information.... **NAACP-Las Vegas Branch Executive Committee Meetings**, 6:30 pm, 3925 Martin Luther King Ste. 217, No. LV, Hidden Canyon Plaza. General Membership Meetings, 2nd Saturday of each month, 12 pm. Any Questions Please Call 657-0599.... **Tuskegee Airmen, Paintings by Randy Proby**, May 3- June 26, The West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd. 229-4800.... **Champions of Organ Sharing Meetings**, 7 pm, every third Wednesday of the month, Sunset Hospital Auditorium. Purpose of organization: To act as a support group for organ transplant recipients and candidates awaiting organ transplantation and to provide information on related matters. For more info. call Doris Doss at 894-9729 or Joe Novak at 365-8138.... **Summer Camp Jam**, Session: June 14-July 30, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm, West Community Center, 2050 Sapphire Stone. The participants are served a free breakfast and lunch daily. Camp Scholarships are available! Call 229-5080 for information.... **Computer Classes at no Cost to Seniors**, The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County is sponsoring these classes as well as weekly Craft and Ceramic classes, Fitness Program, Bingo Sessions, Senior Nutrition, Card, Board and Dominoe Games. Any questions? Call Ida Davis at 647-2536 or come in and see us at 2420 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Bldg. B.

Megatrends

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and new middle-classes are rapidly emerging.

This explosive new growth is creating mouthwatering excitement, anticipation and momentum. Citizens throughout emerging nations are hungry for the American dream and lifestyle. Can you smell what's cooking?

More than one billion new consumers will soon buy automobiles, home computers, McDonald's hamburgers, hi-tech stereo equipment, modern home appliances, satellite dishes, big screen televisions, etc. Many will enjoy international travel and vacations by air and sea.

Entrepreneurs will create new businesses and develop super shopping and strip malls. Sophisticated new consumers are going to demand new infrastructures. This means new homes,

Business

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FNMA) the largest repurchaser of mortgages, is leading the initiative to increase home ownership in minority communities under CEO Franklin Raines.

United American Health Care (NASDAQ:UAHC) has announced a new contract with the latest casino in Detroit, after scaling back from Medicare contracts in Tennessee. American Shared Hospital Services (Amex:AMS) has begun to buy back its own stock in order to reflect the results of its divestment of some of its assets.

Ashanti Goldfields (NYSE:ASL), the largest Black public firm on the African continent, dropped two thirds in the past year due to gold selloffs by European nations. And once it rebounded in the last few weeks, thanks to inflation fears, its workers went on strike at its largest mine, Obuasi in Kumasi, Ghana.

For the past several years, this conference has sparked a runup in these stocks because they come into the radar screens of major analysts. However, the most important audience they need is Black investors, who can overcome the persistent undervaluation of Black firms both here, in Africa and the Caribbean while taking advantage of some real bargains.

Granite, like BET Holdings last year, is dramatically under the stock price of similar broadcasters. It is being punished by Wall

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telecommunications, hospitals, highways, mass transportation, railway systems, bridges, energy and so on.

Over the next five-to-10 years the capital requirements of emerging markets will exceed \$1 trillion. More importantly, the combination of new technology with highly-educated workforces and low cost labor translates into unbeatable industrial complexes and thriving, competitive economies.

To easily get in on the next exciting new megatrends, companies and emerging markets of our time, remember these basics: Look

for emerging nations with no exchange or import controls on currency; seek out nations with budding new infrastructures and free open markets; look for nations rich in abundant natural resources—strong, unifying political leadership, and an industrious population.

Also invest in essential industries such as banking, energy, telecommunications, agriculture, transportation and construction. When possible, find out where which emerging nations, multi-national corporations like Sony, Daimler-Benz, or Nestle are heavily investing.

Street for not selling its stations to the huge broadcasting monopolies sweeping the nation.

Our dollars can help insure that this lone remaining Black presence in television survives. When we put our

money up, we not only help develop our communities, but allow managers to keep the bottom line moving onward and upward — the only measurement that really counts in the stock markets.

With such a capital base,

Major players usually do their homework and tremendous growth can happen in the twinkling of an eye.

Familiarize yourself with the affairs of emerging nations, so that you can spot the next Toys R Us, KFC, or Sony. Don't rely on the American media for your investment information

Start small and proceed cautiously. Extreme risks are never necessary. Diversify, not only into different regions, but other economic sectors as well. Initially stay with large cap liquid stocks. They are better able to handle challenging and changing market conditions

Those interested in more information can call C.E.I.T at (213) 427-0020 and ask for its "free report" entitled, *ECOKNOWLEDGE: Financial Power to Change Your Life*. James Hart is chief economist at Credit Suisse Acceptance Trust.

the number of Black public firms could grow beyond 100 in a short time span.

John William Templeton is executive editor of "Griot," the African-American, African and Caribbean business daily.

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