

Group to hold annual networking event

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First Friday's of Las Vegas is hosting a 'Networking Extravaganza' to celebrate its' third anniversary from 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday at the Emerald Springs Holiday Inn, at 325 E. Flamingo.

There will be entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and booths from local businesses for the price of \$10.

The group meets the first Friday of each month at a different location to socialize in a professional atmosphere.

"We (FFLV) go out of our way to involve the whole

community," said Dereck Hibbler, who founded the local group with Alisha Bell and Lisa Margerum. "Bring as many people together in a social event to network."

"We are open to everybody," Hibbler said. "We are trying to make everyone aware of one

another." World renowned artist Annie Lee, who has displayed her works on TV shows such as "A Different World" and "227" and movies like "Coming to America" and "Boomerang" will be the special guest sponsor of this event. Those interested can call 681-8515.

Entities teaming up for 'Safe Night USA'

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Saturday should be a day to remember.

Clark County is teaming up with the City of Las Vegas and other communities across the nation to celebrate "Safe Night USA," a national youth violence and substance abuse prevention project.

The kick-off celebration begins at the Cambridge

Community Center, 3827 S. Maryland Parkway, with the help of Commissioners Myrna Williams and Dario Herrera from 6 to 11 p.m. It is one of ten sites hosting "Safe Night" activities throughout Clark County.

Charles I. West, 2050 Saphire Stone, will also host a 'Safe Night' in West Las Vegas.

Olusegun Sijuwade, a former police officer and youth at-risk educator, created "Safe Night USA" in 1994 through the City of Milwaukee's Health Department. The program is recognized by the National Crime Prevention as a party that includes workshops developed to teach teens how to resolve conflicts peace-

fully, followed by a supervised teen dance.

The night urges that people don't use weapons, alcohol or drugs and not participate in violence. Black Entertainment Television (BET) and the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) will televise the program nationwide from Milwaukee, Washington D.C., and Los Angeles.

Angry driver accused of targeting blacks

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)— A white man accused of intentionally running down two black teen-agers on their bicycles had a note in his car that referred to inciting racial friction, police records show.

Relatives of the 14-year-old victims — Dontrell Langston and Austin Hansen-Tyler — want the driver, James G. Langenbach, to be charged with a hate crime for

the incident Sunday.

An officer who took Langenbach's car to a garage found handwritten papers with the phrase: "I'm here to get this white/black race B.S. started and it looks like I did," according to search warrant records.

Langenbach, 27, of Kenosha, who has been treated for psychiatric problems, failed to attend

anger management sessions and did not get his high school equivalency test despite a court order, records show.

Langston was hospitalized in good condition, while Hansen-Tyler was listed in serious condition.

Langenbach was charged Monday with causing great bodily harm to a child and leaving the scene of an injury accident, each as a repeat

offender. The charges carry up to 66 years in prison.

In 1991, he was sentenced to two years probation for endangering safety for ramming his car twice into a van holding five black passengers.

He was ordered to undergo an alcohol assessment, anger management and other counseling.

Nominations open for first "Neighborhood Improvement Awards"

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Residents who make a difference in their neighborhoods are being honored by Clark County, the City of Henderson and the City of North Las Vegas. The 1999 Southern Nevada Neighborhood Impact Awards have been established to recognize citizens, businesses and groups that have been involved in grassroots, neighborhood-based initiatives in Southern Nevada.

Clark County is accepting nominations for the Impact Awards now through June 11. The main goal of the Awards committee is to find projects that clearly demonstrate an effort to revitalize a targeted neighborhood. Arts and cultural activities, human or social service, youth, conservation, economic development, beautification, restoration, housing, neighborhood improvement, health, environment, education, and safety are some of the project areas emphasized by the committee.

The applications are now available at the Clark County Government Center, Department of Administrative Services, Division of Neighborhood Services, 500 Grand Central Parkway, 6th Floor. They can also be downloaded from the Clark County website at <http://www.co.clark.nv.us>, where you select "Neighborhoods & Housing" from the home page, or select Administrative Services under "County Services."

Impact Award winners will be announced at a special awards luncheon during the first annual Neighborhood Congress on June 26. Bringing together neighborhood groups, residents and government to learn how to preserve and enhance neighborhoods throughout Southern Nevada is the purpose of the one-day conference. You may register for the event by calling 455-3530, but registration is limited to the first 250 people.

ACLU: War on drugs based on race

NEW YORK (AP) — The war on drugs has significantly increased the number of traffic stops based on race throughout the country, the American Civil Liberties Union said in a report released Wednesday.

"Skin color has become a substitute for evidence in a way that really resembles Jim Crow justice on the nation's highways," ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser said.

The Drug Enforcement Administration's "Operation Pipeline" has trained at least 27,000 law enforcement officials on how to spot drug couriers on highways and has unfairly created a perception that blacks, Hispanics and other minorities are more likely to possess drugs, Glasser said.

The ACLU said the practice is so common that minority communities have given it the derisive term "driving while black or brown." The ACLU has filed lawsuits in Maryland, Illinois, New Jersey and Oklahoma challenging (See ACLU, Page 18)

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No witness — including Louima — has been able to definitively identify Schwarz as the second officer.

If convicted, Bellomo, Wiese and Bruder face up to 10 years in prison. Schwarz could get life without parole.

Volpe's father, himself a former police officer, said in today's edition of *The New York Times* that he believed the pressures of working in a high-crime neighborhood led to the outburst. "It was just war outside that night, and Justin just lost it after being beaten, after thinking that death was imminent," said Robert Volpe.

Legislature

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hormone replacement therapy for women.

Gay rights — Outlaws job discrimination against homosexuals, heterosexuals, and bisexuals. Nevada is only 11th state to pass such a law.

Charter School Law -- expands the number of charter schools able to be built in Las Vegas from 6 to 12. \$600,000 was appropriated to assist the Andre Agassi Foundation to build a charter school adjacent to the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Washington.

Good samaritan — Failure to report a suspected child under 12 being abused or mistreated is now a misdemeanor. The legislation was introduced after David Cash witnessed the rape and murder of 7-year-old Sherrice Iverson by friend Jeremy Strohmeyer. He failed to report the incident to police.

Electricity Deregulation - Allows the deregulation of the electric utility industry in March. Consumers can stay with Nevada Power Co. and keep their existing rates until March 2003, or they switch to a new company.

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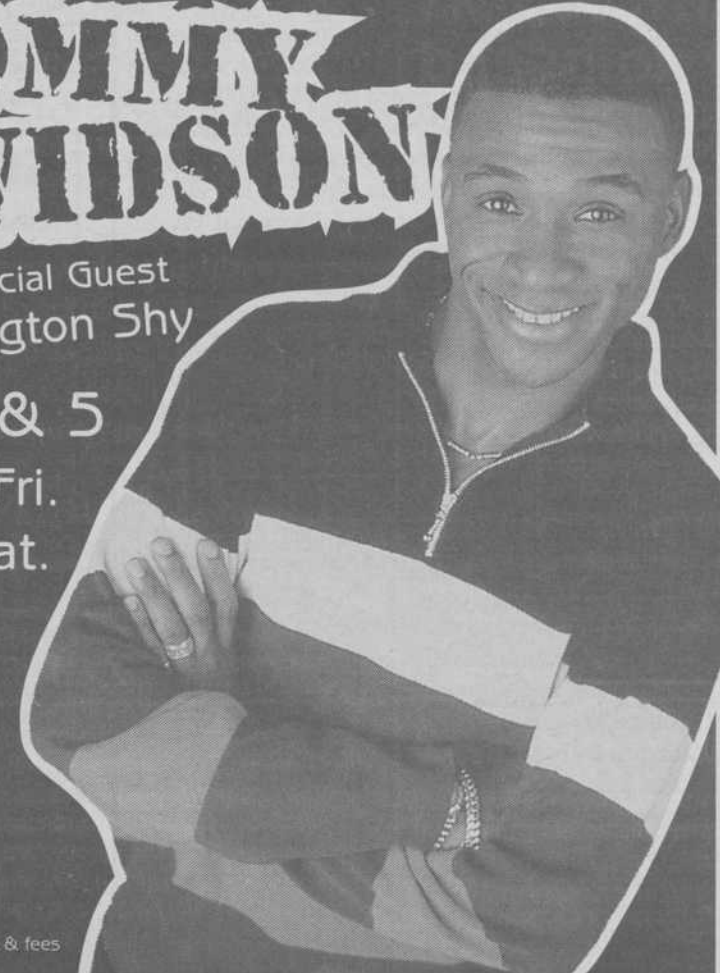
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