

Commission creates public / private group

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 Las Vegas - In an effort to attract new and expanding business to the state, the Nevada Commission on Economic Development (CED) has formed a public/private partnership to create a new interactive web site for Nevada.

Included in the alliance of partners are: the National Supercomputing Center for Energy and the Environment (NSCEE) housed at UNLV; Kruse & Parker Advertising and Marketing of Las Vegas and Reno, the agency of record for the CED; Spin Design of Reno; and Semper Systems of Carson City. CCNI of Reno, a firm that will consult on web site promotions utilizing interactive CD ROM methodology, is also involved in the process.

"These applications are intended to support primary

government interests, including the improvement of U.S. business competitiveness," said Joseph Lombardo, Director of NSCEE. "Opportunities provided by this initiative will give substantial visibility to new business approaches and will demonstrate a new paradigm for network usefulness."

Considered a searchable, "data based" site, it will allow visitors to query for information contained within the site as well as obtain information on locations within the state based on their inquiry. "Mini web sites" are posted for each of the 13 regional economic development authorities within the state. The goal of the site is targeting prospective companies that might be considering Nevada as a possible location site for new or expanding facilities.

History

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1865 - Catholic priest Patrick Francis Healy passes his final Ph.D., examinations in philosophy at Louvain in Belgium. He becomes the first African-American to earn a Ph.D.

1916 - Spottiswood W. Robinson is born in Richmond, Va. He will pursue a distinguished career in law, in private practice, as a representative of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, dean of the Howard University Law School, and as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In 1966, he will be named a U.S. Circuit Judge of the D.C. Circuit by President Lyndon B. Johnson, marking the beginning of a successful judicial career.

1918 - Two days after she moves into a predominantly, though not exclusively, white Philadelphia neighborhood, an African-American woman's house is stoned. The incident will set off four days of riots in which one African-American and three whites are killed.

1948 - President Harry S. Truman issues Executive Order 9981, directing "equality of treatment and opportunity" in federal employment and the armed forces.

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1919 - Chicago race riots kill 23 African-Americans and 15 whites and injure more than 500, despite the warnings from Ida B. Wells-Barnett to city officials to improve conditions for African-Americans in the city.

1937 - Woodie King, Jr. is born in Detroit, Mich. A drama critic, producer, and dramatist, he will be best known as the artistic director of the New Federal Theatre at

the Henry Street Settlement, for his adaptation of Langston Hughes's *Weary Blues* and *Simply Blues* for the stage, and for producing Ntozake Shange's *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf* and *Checkmates*, featuring Denzel Washington.

1984 - Reverend C.L. Franklin dies in Detroit, Mich., after a long coma sustained after being shot by a burglar in his home. He was the founder of Detroit's New Bethel Baptist Church, where his radio sermons drew a nationwide audience and where the singing career of his daughter, Aretha, began.

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1802 - Alexandre Dumas Père is born in Villiers-Cotterets to a Haitian mulatto, Thomas Alexandre Dumas, and Marie Labouret Dumas, a French woman. He will become an acclaimed author of the French classics *The Three Musketeers*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *The Man in the Iron Mask*, and *The Corsican Brothers*.

1903 - Maggie Lena Walker founds and becomes the first president of Saint Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond, Va. She is the first woman bank president in the nation.

1917 - Led by W.E.B. Du Bois and James Weldon Johnson, over 10,000 African-Americans march down Fifth Avenue in New York City to the sound of muffled drums in silent protest of lynchings and other racial indignities that are rampant in the U.S.

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