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Later that evening, Dr. David Satcher, United States Surgeon General, continued with the important message of health care in urban communities

Heart

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blacks die younger than whites and we're dying from diseases that are treatable — hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol."

Keys said Blacks must get regular check-ups and change dietary and exercise habits that, in some cases, have been passed down from generation to generation.

"The priorities are to address the health disparities and workforce diversity issues," said Dr. Lorraine Cole, executive direction of the NMA. "Less than 3 percent of medical professionals are black. Since our inception, NMA has served as the conscience of the medical profession. When blacks and other ethnicities could not be members of the American Medical Association and there were basement wards in hospitals, if they even allowed blacks in, NMA was the champion for the underserved."

"The one thing that makes us different from typical medical associations is that not only do we represent the physicians, but we're also concerned about the patients," she said.

The convention, held at the Las Vegas Convention Center, ends Friday.

History

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a mysterious death in Greenwood, Miss. A revival of interest in his music will occur in the 1990's when a boxed set of 41 of his recordings is issued to critical and popular acclaim.

1972 - Rev. Phillip A. Potter of Dominica is named General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

1987 - Charles Wesley dies in Washington, D.C. Noted historian and black college president, he authored over a dozen books on African-American life, including *The Negro in the Americas*, *The Quest for Equality*, *Negro Labor in the US 1850-1925*, *Richard Allen, Apostle of Freedom*, and *The History of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs*, published when he was 92 years old.

AUGUST 17

1847 - Archibald Henry Grimke is born into slavery on a plantation near Charleston, S.C. Archibald will have a distinguished career as a lawyer (Harvard Law, 1847), political delegate, newspaper publisher (*The Hub* in Boston), and author.

1931 - Residents of Harlem and New York City mourn the death of A'Lelia Walker Robinson. The daughter of hair-care millionaire Madame C.J. Walker, she had distinguished herself as the hostess of the "Dark Tower" on Harlem's West 136th Street.

AUGUST 18

1909 - Howard Swanson is born in Atlanta, Ga. He will become a classical composer who will study in the US and Paris and will write music for orchestra, solo voice, piano, and chamber ensembles.

1934 - Rafer Johnson is born in Hillsboro, Texas. He will become an Olympic athlete, winning a gold medal in the decathlon in the 1960 Summer Games in Rome and lighting the torch in the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

1977 - Steven Biko, one of the most influential black student leaders in South Africa, is arrested in Port Elizabeth on charges of fomenting unrest among blacks in the city through his writings. Biko will reportedly die in police detention less than a month later, supposedly as a result of a hunger strike.

This Week In History was compiled by Shantee Cooper, intern for the Las Vegas Sentinel Voice.

Women's Day

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political activism after instigating a local anti-pass demonstration and later helping to organize the larger national march, women activists said Monday.

Most histories credit other women, including whites and Asians, with organizing the march.

But Madikizela-Mandela — dressed in the African National Congress Women's League colors of black and green — said in an interview she wanted to correct the "distortions."

Madikizela-Mandela, who heads the ANC Women's League, is the ex-wife of former President Nelson Mandela.

On Monday, Madikizela-

Mandela and other Women's League members unveiled a polished black granite monument to Gazo to replace the cement markers that currently designate her grave. She died in 1974.

"You go to any library, and the struggle of women has been ignored when the history of this country was written," Madikizela-Mandela told reporters after the service.

"We want to rewrite the history of women's roles."

Gazo's great-granddaughter, Precious Mqdisane, 27, said her ancestor's fighting spirit should inspire women of her generation to tackle the violence threatening women today.

Gender equality is guaranteed under South Africa's post-apartheid constitution, and women hold about one-third of the seats in Parliament and Cabinet ministerial posts.

A segment of an anti-discrimination labor law

passed earlier this year went into effect on Monday to emphasize the symbolism of National Women's Day, said Pheny Nonqane, spokesman for the Ministry of Labor.

The affirmative action segment of the law will go into effect at a later date, he said.

HIV

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treatments are very expensive, costing up to \$15,000 a year to treat one person. Their cost, far beyond the means of the vast majority of people infected with HIV in the developing world, coupled with the lack of progress in developing an AIDS vaccine, contributed to a spreading pessimism among those involved in the anti-AIDS struggle.

Adding to the gloom has been the rate, at which the disease has spread, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. In several African countries, more than 20 percent of the adult population is HIV-positive.

NOTICE

Solicitation for Nominations from Community Based Organizations for the Southern Nevada Workforce Development Board

The Southern Nevada Job Training Board is soliciting nominations for members to sit on the Workforce Investment Board as mandated by the Workforce Investment Act signed into law August 8, 1998. This board will set policy in the Southern Nevada Workforce area, consisting of the counties of Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, and Lincoln and the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City. The majority of the board will be composed of representatives from local business with the balance derived from educational entities, labor organizations, community based organizations, economic development agencies, and a group of social service agencies including welfare, employment security, veterans administration, and vocational rehabilitation.

In order to insure the board functions with power and authority sufficient to fulfill the intent of the act, persons nominated "shall be individuals with optimum policy making authority within the organizations, agencies, or entities" they represent.

The Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board has eight primary functions:

- 1) The responsibility for the development of a local strategic workforce investment plan.
- 2) The selection and certification of one-stop centers; the identification of eligible providers of youth activities, based on recommendations of the Youth Council; the identification of eligible providers of training services for adult and dislocated workers; the identification of eligible

providers of intensive workforce development intensive services.

3) The development and administration of budgets for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the local Board.

4) The conducting of oversight activities with respect to local programs of youth activities and local employment and training activities for adults and the one-stop delivery system.

5) Negotiate and reach agreement on local performance measures with elected officials and the Governor.

6) Assist the Governor in the development of the statewide employment statistics system.

7) Coordinate the workforce investment activities carried out in the local area with economic development strategies and develop other employment linkage.

8) Promote the participation of private sector employers in the statewide workforce investment system and ensure connecting, brokering and coaching activities through intermediaries such as the one-stop operations in the local area or through other organizations.

Nomination forms may be obtained from Nevada Business Services at 920 West Owens, Las Vegas or may be downloaded from the Internet at nbsworks.org. Please forward nomination forms along with the resumes of persons you feel meet this criteria by August 31, 1999 to:

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