

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Safe Nest-Temporary Assistance For Domestic Crisis-is having their 12th Annual Awards Dinner at the Monte Carlo Resort & Casino. This fund raiser acknowledges individuals who helped the shelter. The event begins at 6 pm and is a semi-formal affair. For additional information call 877-0133, ext. 242.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

The UC Santa Barbara Dance Company will be performing during its annual Spring Tour at the Judy Bayley Theatre. Starting at 8 pm on the UNLV campus, 4505 Maryland Pkwy. The group will perform contemporary dance numbers choreographed by the USCB faculty, guest artists and dance major Barbara Stamis. Tickets can be purchased at the UNLV Box Office, telephone 895-2787.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

The "I Have a Dream" Foundation presents its second annual fund raising dinner. The dinner will feature no host cocktails and a silent auction at 6 pm, with dinner and the awards presentation immediately following. The Desert Inn Resort is the site for this years event. If you any questions call Pat Barnum at 269-5049.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association, Inc. and The Women's Health Project presents Focus on Women-breast cancer education and screening. The seminar and testing will be conducted at the EOB Clark County Senior Center at Martin L. King Blvd and Carey, beginning at 10 am. Lunch will be served at 12 pm. For more information call the senior center at 647-2536 or SNBNA at 615-3575.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Unity Baptist Church Women's Ministry present "Women's Weekend Extravaganza." A three day event that begins at 5 pm with a dinner, followed by a praise, worship, sermonette and testimony. Unity Baptist Church is located at 545 Marion Dr. For more information and directions call Gloria Baxter, 459-2263.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, Western Region, Theta Pi Lambda Chapter, is having their Fourth Annual Judge A.D Guy, III Memorial Golf Tournament. Tee time is a shotgun start at 7:15 am. The tournament is taking place at the Highland Falls Golf Course in Sun City. Fees include green fees, cart awards reception and luncheon. The proceeds goes toward various scholarships. For information or registration, contact Russell Flye at 295-3282...

Unity Baptist Church Women's Ministry present "Women's Weekend Extravaganza," a three day event. Breakfast will be ready at 8 am, followed by a praise, worship and seminar. Unity Baptist Church is located at 545 Marion Dr. For more information and directions call Gloria Baxter, 459-2263...**Southern Nevada Coalition of Concern Women** is hosting their 4th Annual Luncheon at the MGM Hotel & Casino. This year's speaker will be Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. House of Representatives, from the 18th Congressional District of Texas. SNCCW is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt entity. Women who share a concern for the political, educational, legal, financial and social problems associated with the growth in their communities and who are willing to work together to make a difference. For more information e-mail request to: BeMarCo@aol.com or Dhende1512@aol.com

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Victory Missionary Baptist Church Health Education Committee presents Free Blood Pressure Screening. The exams will begin at 1 pm. The church is located at 500 W. Monroe. May is stroke awareness month. For further information contact Inez Staten at 648-2286...**Unity Baptist Church Women's Ministry** present "Women's Weekend Extravaganza." The Evergreen Baptist Church Women's Choir and the Unity Baptist Church Women's Day Choir will be performing for the Women's Day Celebration. Beginning at 3 pm at the Unity Baptist Church, located at 545 Marion Dr. For more information and directions call Gloria Baxter, 459-2263.

ONGOING

The Professional Black Women's Alliance, general membership meetings 10 am the second Saturday of the month. H & H Barbeque Restaurant, 910 N. Martin L. King Blvd. Call Lillian McMorris, president, to answer your questions at 631-0000, fax 313-5255 or email mslill@aol.com...**The Community College of Southern Nevada** is accepting applications for the third annual Summer Jazz Combo Camp. The camp runs June 25-30 on the Cheyenne Campus. Training sessions are open to instrumentalist and vocalists of all ages and skill levels. Call the Fine Arts department at 651-4006...**The Cultural and Community Affairs Division of the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services** presents "Community Roots Art Display." Eight local artist, Cochise Couyette, Albert Fennell, Joseph House, Frank James, Randy Proby, Gene Redden, Gwen Walker and Michael Wiggins will display two and three-dimensional works. Various mediums including sculpture, painting, miniatures, collages and doll collections can be seen through June 17th. The West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd. For more details call the center at 229-4800.

Cote d'Ivoire gets five presidential candidates

ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE (PANA) — Barely six months to the general elections in Cote d'Ivoire, five persons, including a pastor, have declared their intention to run for the presidency.

Mel Eg Theodore, a former leading member of the Democratic Party of Cote d'Ivoire, the party overthrown in December, is the latest in the series of entries for the race.

Theodore, 47, head of the Democratic Union of Cote d'Ivoire, is the youngest among the candidates for the country's highest office. He is the current mayor of Cocody, a high-brow residential area in Abidjan.

Earlier candidates include Laurent Gbagbo, leader of the Ivorian Popular Front, the oldest opposition party, and the only person to have challenged late President Felix Houphouet Boigny in an election in 1990.

Alassane Ouattara of the Rally of Republicans is preparing for the race but his candidacy is still being contested because of the eligibility question.

Ouattara, a former prime minister under Boigny, still

needs some clarification before his candidature can be valid, as the constitutional provision seems to bar him from the race.

Henri Konan Bedie, the ousted president, had maintained that Ouattara could not stand for the post because he is not a citizen.

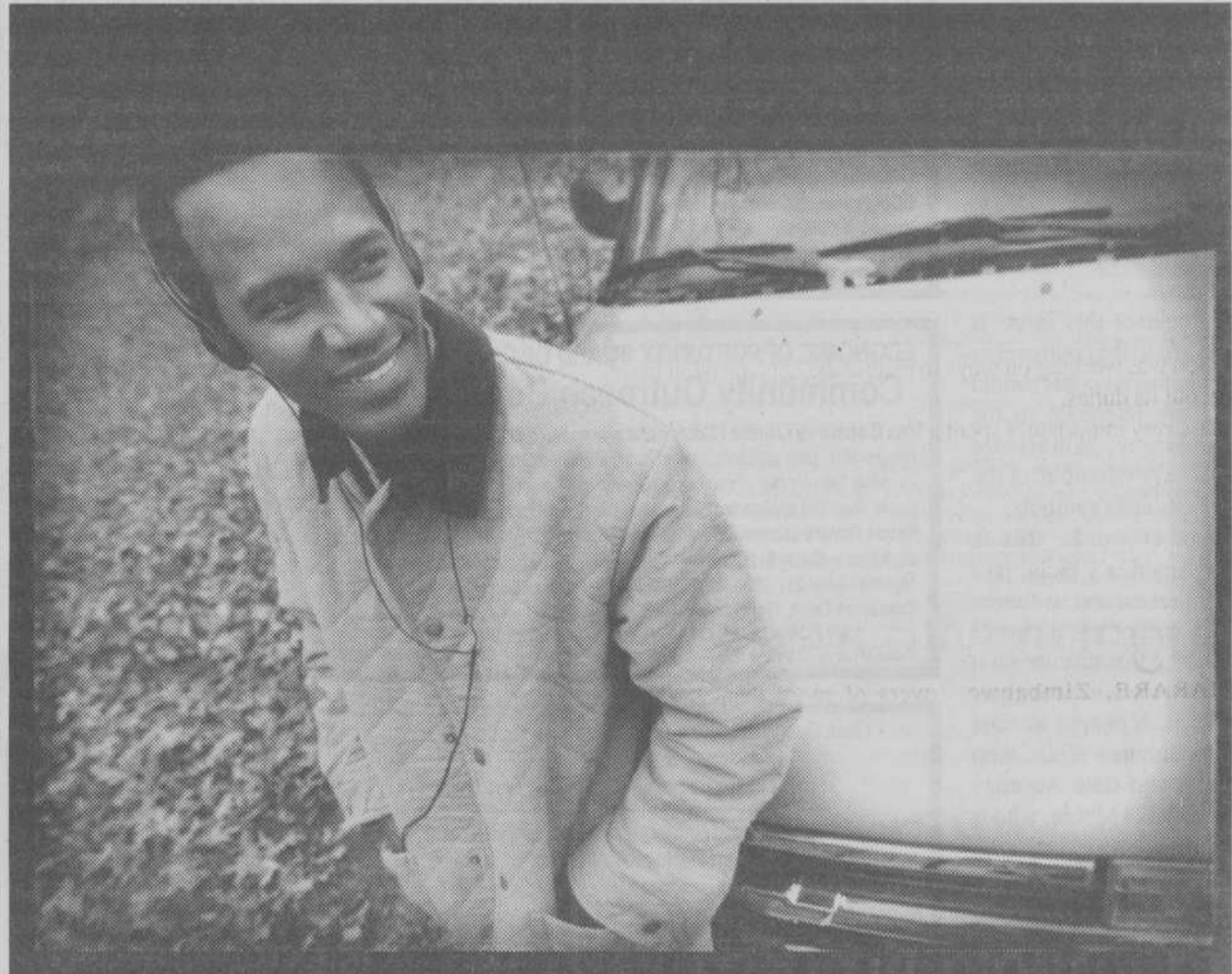
Another contestant to the post is Francis Vangah Wodie, former higher education minister under Bedie, who is the flag bearer of the Ivorian Workers' Party.

Robert Gbai Tagro will be running under the ticket of the Republican Party of Cote d'Ivoire.

A pastor of the Methodist church and leader of Ivorian Party for Democracy, Faustin Leka, is fifth candidate.

The former party in power is yet to name its candidate. At its last congress, the party failed to name one, as there was an avalanche of interestary elections."

He said they "expressed their support for an environment in which fair elections, free of intimidation, and within the time schedule prescribed by the Constitution of Zimbabwe can be held."



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