

Businesses to be honored at banquet

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EOB's (Economic Opportunity Board) business program is hosting a banquet to honor 11 businesses earning an annual revenue of \$25,000. EOB Micro Business is presenting its Third Annual EOB Micro Business Awards Banquet, Wednesday, June 9, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Venetian Hotel, 3355 S. Las Vegas Blvd.

"Recognize our businesses in the community that are owned by minorities and making a difference," said Kimberly Bailey Tureaud, director and founder of the EOB Micro Business Program, "hiring people in the community...beating the odds...exemplifying, extraordinary commitment to their businesses."

This years honored businesses are: Expertise School of Beauty, BG & J Publishing, Beginning to End Publishing, Barbara's Gift Baskets, The Perfect Touch, AC Graphics, Xtravaganza Special Events, Omeache's, Almendarez Promotions, Good Stuff Professional Services and Island Girl Marketing. "We're really pleased with everyone," Bailey Tureaud said.

The banquet keynote speaker will be Cheryl D. Broussard, author of "Sister CEO: The Black Woman's Guide to Starting Your Own



CHERYL D. BROUSSARD Business" and "The Black Woman's Guide To Financial Independence: Smart Ways To Take Charge of Your Money, Build Wealth, and Achieve Financial Security."

Broussard is the CEO of Cheryl Broussard & Co., Inc., a small business financial consulting firm based in Oakland which has managed over \$50 million in assets. She has been published in many popular national publications including Ebony, Essence and USA Today, and gives lectures to many large corporations, such as Bank of America and Charles Schwab.

Tickets for the event are \$55 per person and \$500 dollars per table.

EOB Micro Business has been in operation for at least 10 years, assisting more than 4,000 businesses.

For more information call 647-7735.

Police arrest five in gang feud slaying

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Las Vegas and North Las Vegas police have arrested five people in connection with a March slaying that authorities believe was one of dozens of shootings in a deadly gang war.

The three men and two boys taken into custody late Friday and early Saturday are members of the Gerson Park Kingsmen gang and are suspected of killing a member of the rival Rolling 60s, police said.

Ashley "Face" Bennett, 27; Louis "Chew" Matthews, 19; Lailoni Morrison, 21; and two boys, 15 and 16, were booked into the North Las Vegas Detention Center on counts of murder with the use of a deadly weapon.

The boys, whose names were not released, were transferred to the Clark County Detention Center, where they could be isolated from the general jail population.

All are being held without bail.

The five are suspected of gunning down Joe Williams on March 3. Police found the 26-year-old suffering from several gunshot wounds outside an apartment, about 500 feet north of where Horizon High School senior Marc Doyle was

shot to death the night before.

The arrests were the result of a two-month cooperative investigation between the police departments into a wave of violence on the border of the two cities, police said. Nine people were slain between Feb. 15 and March 16, and scores of nonfatal shootings terrorized the neighborhood near downtown Las Vegas.

A sixth suspect in Williams' slaying is still outstanding. Only one other person has been charged in connection with the nine slayings, which police have attributed to a war between the rival gangs over drug-selling turf.

Investigations into the slayings were complicated by uncooperative residents and witnesses, police have said. Residents had said police couldn't protect them from gang retaliation if they came forward with information.

Police, however, are now crediting neighborhood residents for coming forward with information that helped lead to the arrests.

"There seems to be a change in attitude," said North Las Vegas police Lt. Chris Laroitonda.

North Las Vegas sets first annual food festival

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The first annual "International Taste of North Las Vegas" is planned for Saturday, June 2, in the city's downtown area. From 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., Civic Center Drive between Lake Mead and Las Vegas Boulevards will be shut down for a day of party, festivities, music and great international cuisine.

"(It's) designed to bring our community together and show the rest of Las Vegas what North Las Vegas is about," said Christine Johnston, chair of the event's steering committee. "Every type of food you can think of will be out there."

The steering committee for the festival has been planning since January of last

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year and is expecting a turnout of more than 15,000. Station Casinos, the Community College of Southern Nevada and City of North Las Vegas all sponsored the taste Mardi Gras, which is free to the public and open to all ages.

"Create and maintain cultural events for North Las Vegas," Johnston said. "This is totally community driven...we want everyone in the valley to come check it out."

"We look forward to an exciting day when we highlight and recognize the various cultures that make up the dynamic community of North Las Vegas," said Mayor Michael L. Montandon.

"Experience the real North Las Vegas and benefit from all the wonderful things we have to offer."

There will be 250 booths presenting their wares or delighting passers-by with their culinary expertise.

Sample bites of the food will be one dollar per taste.

Fifty-one percent of the proceeds raised will go to the Children's Miracle Network, which will air live broadcasts on KVVU-TV, Fox Channel 5, at different times.

FM radio Stations 97.1 and 105.1 will set up live remotes, with concerts scheduled throughout the day beginning at 11 a.m. Performances by Freddie House, Carlos David, Loveshack, Clint Holmes, Jorge Santana & Malo, Cameo and War will accompany the art exhibit, youth carnival, games and Las Vegas Motor Speedway pit stop demonstrations and Nascar display.

For more information, call 895-6926, or visit their website at www.NLVPRIDE.ORG.

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Hundreds thronged outside the research center. Boys scaled trees to get a better perch. The people erupted in applause as Powell came out of the building.

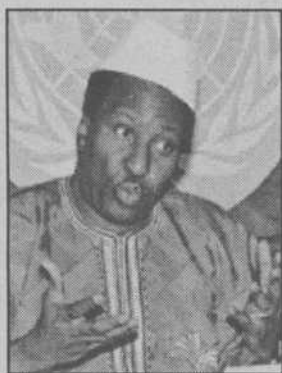
He spoke to the crowd briefly, saying he was rejoicing in "all your smiling, beautiful faces."

Powell said he supports continued limited U.S. training of African peacekeeping troops - such as members of a multinational African force designed to go to trouble spots in their own backyards.

U.S. military advisers have helped train Nigerian and other African peacekeepers trying to stop internal fighting in Sierra Leone. Powell visits a training unit Thursday before heading to South Africa, his next stop.

The secretary told reporters aboard his plane that he knows his views are not always the same as those of Rumsfeld, who "is always looking for opportunities to back off on some of the overseas commitments that we have."

The United States has shown great reluctance to get involved in peacekeeping missions in Africa since 18 U.S. soldiers died during a firefight in Somalia in 1993. That mission was approved during Powell's watch as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



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