

RETIREMENT PARTY

Photo special to the LVSV by Donovan Chambers

Urban Chamber of Commerce President Hannah Brown (middle) is feted by chamber membership director Kathi Overstreet and L.V. Sentinel-Voice Publisher Ramon Savoy during her recent retirement party. Brown holds a framed copy of the Sentinel-Voice article announcing her retirement after a career in the airlines industry. She spent the last 10 years as transportation and tenant relations manager at McCarran Airport.

Business of Music confab plans tribute to Barry White

By John T. Stephens III Sentinel-Voice

An annual music conference, in its eighth year, plans to explore the ins and outs of the entertainment business at the house where nobody is blue.

The eighth-annual Micro Business Development Division's Business of the Music (BOM) Conference 2003 is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the House of Blues in the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd.

"It is the premier business conference," said Kimberly Bailey Tureaud, BOM conference creator and producer. "With a touch of hip hop, bebop, giving you flavor and education to compete in the music industry." This year's celebrity guest will be Kashif, Mtume and Heavy D. There will also be a special tribute to Barry White. Members of his family and friends are planning to attend.

"This is our special tribute to the 'Maestro,'" said Bailey Tureaud.

BOM is a one-day music/ business conference that offers workshops to future "starlets" and provides a stage, an audience to dazzle peers and Hollywood-type veterans. Some of the classes being offered include publishing, marketing, labeling and distributing, sampling and contracts.

What is the primary goal of BOM?

"They need to understand money management, how they get paid," said Bailey Tureaud. "How your money works and how it's recurring (to make more money for you)."

For BOM goers, there will (See BOM, Page 7)

Museum eyes glowing art for exhibit, contest

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The Nevada State Museum and Historical Society is inviting local area artists to participate in a new exhibit and art contest to complement Neon Unplugged: Signs from the Boneyard exhibit.

The deadline for submitting entries is Oct. 1. Pieces entered in the competition will be on exhibit in the museum from Nov. 1, through Jan. 18, 2004. Museum visitors will have one week to vote on the "best of show" in November and the winning artist will receive \$250.

For entry forms and exhibit information, contact Barbara Slivac, Curator of Education, 702-486-5205

ext. 227, or bfslivac@ clan.lib.nv.us.

"We want to shine, glow, and flash with light from works created by local artists," museum director Greta Brunschwyler said. "We are looking for electrically lit pieces, Black light or glow in the dark, just so long as they glitter, shine or sparkle like

the streets of Las Vegas."

The Nevada State Museum and Historical Society worked with the non-profit Neon Museum to produce the Neon Unplugged: Signs from the Boneyard exhibit, scheduled to run through Jan. 4, 2004. The exhibit features historic signs saved from Las

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McCarran, other airports, seeking part-time screeners

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The Transportation Security Administration is now recruiting part-time federal security screeners to work at several airports, including McCarran International Airport.

Screeners' duties identifying dangerous objects in baggage and on passengers.

The recruitment of parttime screeners is part of a plan offering the flexibility needed to optimize staffing at checkpoints, ensuring special attention during peak passenger times.

"TSA is committed to properly allocating resources to the checkpoint lanes to keep passenger wait times to a minimum," TSA administrator Adm. James M. Loy said.

Interested candidates can apply at www.tsa.gov and then click on "Employment" or https://tsacareers. recruitsoft.com. For additional information, candidates can contact TSA Recruitment Services at 1-800-887-1895 or TTY 800-887-5506

Part-time security salaries will depend upon a screener's work schedule. Hourly wages can range from \$11.30 to \$16.96 depending on experience, plus locality pay. Part-time security screeners also are eligible for federal ben-

efits including health insurance, life insurance, retirement, paid annual (vacation) and sick leave. The amount of the premium paid for both health and life insurance and retirement as well as accrued annual (vacation) and sick leave are based upon the work schedule. Recruitment of potential candidates is the first step in the deployment of federal screeners.

Company fouls up scoring on standardized tests, again

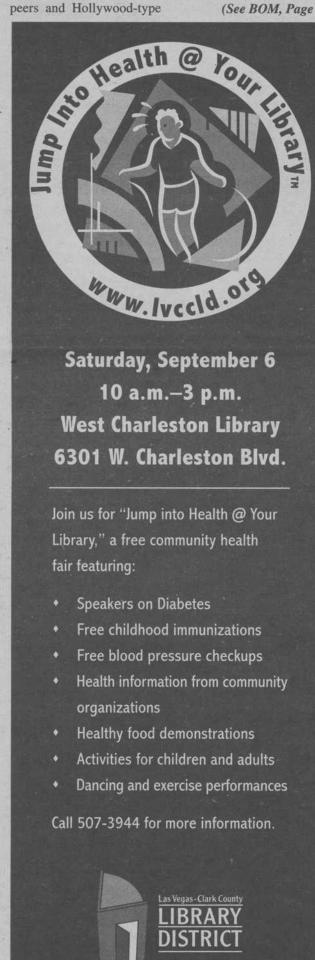
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Harcourt Measurements is again in the Nevada State Board of Education's doghouse, this time for technical errors in the reporting test scores for students in the third- and fifth-grades.

"I am very disappointed and concerned about this error, especially because it comes so soon to a previous scoring error that occurred a few months ago," state board president Gary Waters said. "We must now assess if this company can do the job we hired it to do. I am asking the state Department of Education staff to take immediate

action in determining the extent of the error, its impact on affected grades, schools and districts and advise on determination of penalties and cost estimates of damages."

The Department of Education and the board of Education discovered the error on Aug. 8. Both entities are studying the error's impact to verify that testing protocol and procedures are in place to assure no other errors were made. Waters said the board is considering a special meeting to address Harcourt's error—the company committed a similar faux pas in the prior months.



Bank promotes Odom to business development post

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Francis Odom has been promoted to business development officer of Bank of Commerce. In the position, Odom will be responsible for developing and sustaining relationships for the locally-owned bank, in addition to strengthening banking relationships with the community.

The 30-year banking veteran served as vice president/credit administration supervisor at First Security Bank in Las Vegas and held several positions with the company's branches in Idaho before coming to Bank of Commerce. He earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Idaho State University and attended Pacific Coast Banking School, the University of Washington and California State University at Berkley. Odom sits on the boards of the Urban Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Housing Services and Nevada Association of Latin Americans.