

## WESTSIDE SCHOOL ALUMNI SEARCH CONTINUES (1922-1969)

by H. P. Fitzgerald

These profiles of former students and teachers of the Old Westside School will continue through Thursday, May 26. The Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, May 29 at the Union Plaza Hotel/Casino at 7 p.m. Call 648-0039 or 649-7070 for ticket information. Tickets are \$35 per person, and alumni may bring family and friends. **ELIZAH GREEN** attended the

Westside School and Las Vegas High, where he lettered in both track and basketball. At Westside he was coached by Henry Moore. Green was a dealer in the local Hotel Resort Industry until he purchased the New Town Tavern in West Las Vegas, which he still owns and operates.

**DAN CURTIS** is an alumnus of the Westside School, where he played football and ran track for Coach Henry J.

Moore. Curtis attended Tug-aloo College in the State of Mississippi, where he excelled in football and track. In Las Vegas he is the owner of Danny's Bail Bond.

**OVERTON CURTIS** ran track and played basketball under Coach Henry J. Moore, and went on and earned his degree, and became an athletic coach for the Clark County School District. He now coaches at Rancho High School in North Las Vegas.

**ELIZABETH CARTER** was one of three Black teachers hired by the then Las Vegas Union School District in 1947, bringing to four the total number of Black teachers in Las Vegas and the State of Nevada. Carter earned her A.B. Degree in education from Langston Oklahoma, and taught for several years at the Westside School, and several other schools in Las Vegas until her retirement after 20 years in the teaching field.

## BLACK CHAMBER ENDORSES 10-YEAR SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN

After hearing a comprehensive presentation from school board vice-president Yvonne Atkinson Gates and associate superintendent Paul Goodwin, the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) voted unanimously in support of the Clark County School District's (CCSD) 10-Year School Building Plan. The proposal will be on the ballot for a May 24 countywide election.

The proposal calls for construction of 77 schools during the next ten years to accommodate an estimated 55,000 new students. Passage of the measure will not raise taxes.

During her presentation, Atkinson Gates stressed the definite benefits to West Las Vegas in the building program. "Every existing school in the area will be upgraded

and modernized," she emphasized. In addition, she stressed there will be at least two full-fledged comprehensive high schools for West Las Vegas, something the community currently has none of.

"The school district has even said it will consider building some more elementary schools in the area after it first reviews the sixth grade center plan (for school integration). This building program is needed for the entire county, not just for West Las Vegas," said Atkinson Gates. "But we all will benefit directly with its passage," she stated.

Goodwin and Atkinson Gates gave their talk at the monthly membership luncheon of the NBCC, held recently at C's Cotton Club on Jackson Avenue.

## Rights Leaders To Meet With Candidates

by Larry Still  
NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The presidential nominees of the Republican and Democratic parties must follow the leadership of Rev. Jesse Jackson in considering key public policy issues of all Americans if either one expects black voters to provide the margin of victory in 1988, National Urban League experts declared this week.

NUL president John E. Jacob and other civil rights leaders are scheduled to meet with Vice-President George Bush, the expected Republican nominee, on May 19, and Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis "soon" to discuss campaign platform recommendations presented in the Black Americans and Public Policy report prepared by the major non-profit, community-based organization.

"We're not ruling out the nomination of Reverend Jackson" (at the Democratic Party convention in Atlanta in July), Jacob declared, but he emphasized that if Bush and Dukakis are selected as predicted, "they cannot win without black support."

The National Urban League will urge its 161 chapters and other community organizations to consider the nominees' views on government action to deal with the pervasive problems in civil rights enforcement, employment, education, welfare, and economic development.

"Government has a role to play today, just as it did when it created a white middle class with the GI Bill, FA and VA lending programs, and a host of other steps that largely ended white poverty . . . (It) has to act again — with full employment programs that reach the underclass, with welfare reform that encourages work, with education aid that gives the disadvantaged access to the mainstream, and with programs that stimulate the urban economy," stated Jacob.

Jackson has demonstrated that when you consider the problems of the people, white and black voters will respond, Jacob continued during his Washington press conference. The NUL executive projected that either Bush would have to get 20 percent of the Black vote or Dukakis would need overwhelming black support to win in November and neither could do this without considering the public policy issues

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## Howard U. Hospital To Be Liver Transplant Center by Chester A. Higgins NNPA News Editor

Washington, D.C.

March 18 this year was a red letter day at the Howard University Hospital. For that was the date the hospital received a certificate of need from the State Health Planning Office, authorizing this venerable Black institution to become the only hospital in the metropolitan area to perform liver transplants. The hospital is also the only predominantly black institution in the U.S. authorized to perform liver transplants, and its Transplant Center director, Dr. Clive O. Callender, is the only Black surgeon trained and certified to perform extra-renal transplant operations in this country.

Receipt of this certification climaxes years of effort on the part of a number of people, most notably Dr. Callender, 51, who is also professor of surgery, and vice chairman of the Dept. of Surgery, and Hospital Administrator Haynes Rice, 56. Although the first liver transplant operation will not be performed until sometime in May, Dr. Callender, who is also chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of the Region Liver Transplant Consortium, is keeping his team in weekly training to maintain a state of readiness, not unlike the military undergoes.

Of all human organ transplantation, that of the liver is the most technically exhausting, complex and costly. For example, a kidney transplant operation costs

\$50,000, a heart, \$100,000, but a liver \$200,000 or more! This vital operation may take anywhere from 8 to 20 hours to complete, require the services of 10 surgeons, five gastroenterologists, anesthesiologists, operating room nurses and technicians, honed into a finely tuned, superbly machined team of operating perfectionists by the drive, commitment and genius of Dr. Callender.

Dr. Callender keeps his team of surgeons in a state of readiness by performing living transplant operations on animals each week. "And each week, to make sure the entire team is in a ready state, we have a weekly meeting," Dr. Callender said.

Before Howard University Hospital, the old Freedman's Hospital from 1862-1975, could position itself to receive authorization to perform liver transplants, a lot of spade work had to be done. Dr. Callender in 1968-69 was sent to the foremost kidney transplant center in the world, at the University of Minnesota to train as a clinical transplant fellow. In 1973, Howard University Hospital applied for a certificate of need but did not receive the authorization until nearly two years, and a number of kidney transplants later. However, by that time the necessary training and the invaluable experience had been gained.

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