

## Profiles of Westside School Alumni Association Members

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This is number thirteen in a series of profiles of members of the Westside School Alumni Association. We will continue these profiles in this publication as long as we can "track down" former teachers, administrators and students who are members of the school's alumni association.

Our research and interviews with alumni of the Old Westside School point up the fact that the teaching staff and administrators of the Old Westside School stressed the 3-Rs in their teaching, which resulted in the students becoming well grounded in the basic fundamentals of education and learning. The teachers in that school did not even have a 16-mm film projector to supplement their teaching equipment, and TVs were not heard of, and very few teachers used radios in their classrooms. And there were fewer dropouts and failures than there are in the 1990s, comparatively speaking. And, fewer of these students are now on the community homeless list and the among the unemployed.

I had the privilege of attending the White House Conference on Children and Youth at the White House as a guest of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. During the week-long session, a renowned educator stated that "You can give a good teacher a tent, some children, and a few basic textbooks, and she or he will educate everyone of her (or his) students, without any outside assistance." The teachers at the Old Westside School were just those kind of teachers, and I know, because I was there.

Our alumni profile this week was one such teacher. She was dedicated, courageous and confident.

Deborah Crockett L. Moore -- Deborah was born in Euphalia, Alabama and moved to Boulder City, Nevada with her husband, Henry, who was transferred here by the U.S. Bureau of Mines as a chemist. However, in 1947, Henry applied for and was hired as one of only three Black teachers in the entire State of Nevada at the time. Henry became a coach at the Old Westside School and went on to become the winningest coach in the State of Nevada in the 1940s and 1950s. He became known as Legendary Coach Henry J. Moore. Some

of his athletes ended up in professional athletics throughout the country.

Deborah Moore graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, but attended Nova University, Prairie View University and BYU in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her first teaching job in Nevada was at the Old Westside School. She also taught at Kit Carson and Jo Mackey Elementary Schools and Jim Bridger Junior High School in North Las Vegas, where she retired as a school counselor.

Moore is a member of the LINKS, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, the Mend Club, and the Southern Nevada School



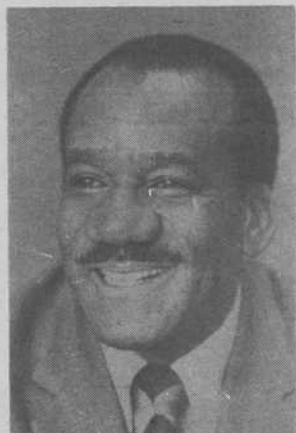
Deborah Crockett Moore

Counselors Association. Henry and Deborah are the proud parents of two children, Henry J., Jr. of Las Vegas and Vera Pearl Moore Walker of Reno, Nevada.

This writer had the privilege of being Moore's supervising principal while she was a teacher at the Kit Carson and Jo Mackey Elementary School. She was one of the most dynamic and innovative teachers on my staff. She was one of the best.

The Old Westside School housed many high achiever families back in the 1940s and 1950s. One of Deborah's sisters taught at Notre Dame University and one sister is an Elementary School Principal in Chicago, Illinois at this writing. One brother is a retired Milwaukee, Wisconsin District Attorney.

So it's easy to understand that more alumni from the Old Westside School have buildings, facilities and schools named for them than any other one school in the state of Nevada. The Clark County School District has named a school after this writer. I taught at the Old Westside School between 1947 and 1953 and became the first African-American principal (administrator) in the State of Nevada in 1956, when I was appointed prin-



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icipal of Kit Carson Elementary School.

In the immediate future, our profile will be that of an alumni who attended the Old Westside School from kindergarten through the sixth grade, and is now the Operations Manager for the present world's largest hotel, which is being built in Las Vegas.

Don't miss an issue of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice.

### 3rd Annual Miracle Concert to Benefit Children's Miracle Network

LEGENDS IN CONCERT in conjunction with the Children's Entertainment Network of Las Vegas is proud to present the 3rd Annual Miracle Concert to benefit the CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK TELETHON. The concert will be held Saturday, April 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Las Vegas High School Auditorium at 315 S. 7th Street. Tickets are \$5.00/donation and can be obtained through either the UMC Foundation office (383-2326) or Rainbow School of Dance, 21-A N. Mojave Rd.

Proceeds will benefit child health care services in

The Las Vegas GAMBLEIERS Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its annual awards dinner Wednesday, April 11, at the Holiday Casino Center Strip (2nd floor convention rooms). Cocktails at 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:00 P.M. Guest speaker is Elmiree Farr-Walter. This event will feature the presentation of the Woman of the Year and Business Associate of the Year awards, and college scholarships. Cost is \$16.00 per person and reservations are required. For more information please call Brenda Ramadan at 648-5678.

## Success in the 90s Career Workshop Slated for West Las Vegas Library

Interested in improving your chances of successfully entering future professional positions? The West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., presents a series of four career opportunities workshops, to be held on successive Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and conducted by Kelly Paylor, of the Professional Black Women's Alliance.

Beginning April 7, the first session, highlighting "Career Opportunities," ad-

resses such topics as the progressive jobs of the future, financially rewarding professions, government positions, and intellectually stimulating jobs. The second session, scheduled for April 14, looks at "Self-employment." Paylor will discuss such issues as entrepreneurship, how to graduate from college and move into self-employment, the pros and cons of self-employment, and how to succeed in business without

a college degree.

The April 21 session discourses on "Ideas and Inventions" and the final session on April 28, looks at "Interviewing Etiquette," while discussing how to dress for the interview, how to build a resume, how to fill out an application and how to speak professionally.

The workshops are free and open to the public but do require registration. Please call 647-2117 for further information.

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### Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Scheduled for Sahara Hotel

The prevention of child abuse will be the focus of the Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. April 9 and 10 at the Sahara Hotel. The theme of the conference, which is sponsored by WECAN (Working To Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect), is "Painting a New Picture." Prevention through public concern and personal action will be addressed in seminars during the two day conference.

southern Nevada.

Gather the family together and come on down to enjoy one of the best shows in Las Vegas and help support the kids in our community.

In many communities across the United States, Haitian-Americans have made positive and significant contributions to this society. We know that American administrators in Washington, D.C., have no stomach to confess or admit wrongdoing, particularly in regard to nations of the African diaspora. Yet, it is long overdue for President Bush to at least articulate the same desire he had for democracy in Nicaragua for democracy and freedom from U.S. manipulation in Haiti.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) also needs to change its discriminatory policies against Haitians and others seeking legitimate immigration to the United States.

We are pleased that now the leaders of the Haitian military have pledged their support to President Pascal-Trouillot. Maj. Gen. Herard Abraham, the new chief of Haiti's army, has placed the army under Mrs. Pascal-Trouillot's command. Haiti does not need more guns, bombs and other U.S. made weapons. Haiti needs food, medicine, economic development and most of all a chance to become self-determined with justice for all Haitians.

Hopefully, the tragic sight of boatloads of Haitians risking death and imprisonment off the shores of Florida is over. We salute President Pascal-Trouillot. May Haiti be the beautiful nation that God has ordained it to be.

## No Matter What Shape You're In, Anyone Can Get The AIDS Virus.



These days, people all over America are working on their bodies. These are active people with active social lives. If that sounds like your lifestyle, think about this: One workout that can protect you from the AIDS virus is just to be responsible and not to take risks when it comes to sex.

For more information about AIDS, call 1-800-842-AIDS. Nevada AIDS Hotline

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This is a message from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.