

# EDUCATION

IN CELEBRATION OF JACKIE ROBINSON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## Bethune-Cookman College plans educational seminar

DAYTONA BEACH — In March of 1996, thousands will stop to mark the fiftieth anniversary of a milestone in civil rights and sports history, and one which changed modern baseball forever.

On March 17, 1946, Jackie Robinson integrated modern professional baseball when he took the field for the Montreal Royals in a spring training game against the Brooklyn Dodgers at City Island Baseball Park, since named Jackie Robinson Baseball Park, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In recognition of this historic incident and in celebration of the relationship between Jackie Robinson and Bethune-Cookman College (B-CC) founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Bethune-Cookman is sponsoring a two week-long series of activities beginning March 11.

"An historic college, Bethune-Cookman is Daytona Beach's oldest four-year higher education institution. Many of this country's progressive movements toward

civil rights are connected to this campus in some way, making the college an ideal location for the Robinson historic event," says Dr. Leonard Lempel, B-CC professor of history.

"Documentation of Jackie Robinson's relationship with Dr. Bethune shows us that because of her role an atmosphere was created in the city of Daytona Beach which enabled him to play with the Royals."

An educational exhibit which chronicles a portion of Robinson's baseball career kicks off the scheduled events at B-CC on Monday, March 11. Tours of the historic campus and home of the college founder, known as the Bethune Foundation, will also be a part of the activities. The exhibit opens to the public March 12 and runs through March 21.

"The Jackie Robinson story is not only important because of the direct connection to our community's history, but also because of its relationship to the larger issues of civil rights, tolerance, and social change," says Tim Egnor, Volusia County

Public Schools Social Studies Specialist.

According to Jackie Robinson Statue Historian Bill Schumann, who is working with B-CC in promoting the event and bringing to the campus former baseball personalities who played during Robinson's era, "The event affords children the opportunity to view research never before displayed in public. Video interviews of Robinson's wife, Rachel, members of the Montreal Royals and journalist Billy Rowe, a member of the then "Negro Press," and someone who was instrumental in making the arrangements for Robinson to come to Daytona Beach, will also be on view."

A scholarly conference has been slated from March 15 through the 17. On Friday (15th) Jules Tygiel, renowned baseball historian and author of the highly acclaimed book, "BASEBALL'S GREAT EXPERIMENT: JACKIE ROBINSON AND HIS LEGACY" (Oxford University Press, 1983) will be the keynote speaker at the conference's opening session.

The event concludes with a commemorative baseball game at Jackie Robinson Baseball Park on the 17th. The game features Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A & M University.

For further information on this informative, history-making event, contact the Bethune-Cookman College public relations office at 904-255-1401, ext. 435 or 467.

## Sunrise Children's Hospital Foundation receives a four-year parental assistance program grant

Sunrise Children's Hospital Foundation recently announced it has been awarded a four-year \$850,812 grant from the United States Department of Education. The grant will provide Southern Nevada families with two separate educational programs.

"Funding for community programs is always a challenge, and this grant will allow the foundation to help meet the specific needs of children in Southern Nevada," said Dee Ladd, chief executive officer of the Sunrise Children's Hospital Foundation. "Due to federal budget constraints, the Department of Education did not have the financial capability to fund every state in the nation. Not every state received a grant and no single state could get funding for more than one program."

Ladd said the grant is among the largest awarded to a non-governmental agency in Nevada.

This award will help to establish Nevada's first and only Home Instruction Program for

Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI), a home-based early intervention program which helps parents engage in learning activities with their children at home and school. The HIPPI program is designed specifically for those parents who may not feel confident in their own ability to teach their children.

During the four-year period, this grant will provide free parent

of community-related educational programs, including the operation of three Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinics in Clark County in conjunction with the Nevada State Health Division.

The foundation has commissioned the Center for Healthy Families to administer both of the educational programs this grant provides. The program

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education classes to 19,000 people throughout Clark County, including Laughlin and Moapa. The foundation applied for the grant to establish parental information and resource centers that would increase parents' knowledge of and confidence in child rearing activities.

Sunrise Children's Hospital Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of pediatric research and education in Southern Nevada. The foundation provides a variety

will recruit a HIPPI coordinator, HIPPI paraprofessionals, administrative staff and two part-time educators.

"This grant from the Department of Education provides the staffing necessary to execute this program," said Barbara Ludwig, Center for Healthy Families director. "A unique feature about hiring for the paraprofessional positions is that the candidates must be members of the community being served and participating parents in the program. This enables them to empathize with the challenges facing HIPPI families."

"We are grateful for the warm partnership the Clark County School District is providing," said Ladd. "Matt Kelly Elementary School is providing facilities, training space and equipment to help administer the HIPPI program."

Over the last few years the HIPPI program has become widely recognized and accepted in the family support and early childhood networks. Being a part of many national efforts to support young children and their families, HIPPI USA has earned a reputation for being a collaborative partner in national, state and local efforts to build stronger community support for vulnerable families.

Sunrise Children's Hospital Foundation will continue to pursue funding so that the initial programs will continue. "We plan to make another major announcement in February," said Ladd.

## THE EDUCATION MINUTE Tips from "Reading is Fundamental" Program to Help Parents of the Young Readers Choose Good Books

By Mary Peterson, Nevada Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Board of Education

Stories that have appeared again and again on the lists of recommended children's books have appealed and captivated their imaginations. But the truest test of a "good" book is your 6 to 9 year old's reaction to it.

Look for illustrations that match the text of the story and give clues to the meaning of unfamiliar words. Stories that repeat key words or phrases or with one or two sentences per page are a good place to start.

Topics of special interest to your children should be a top priority. Involve your child in the selection and respect their preferences whenever possible.

"How to," craft and recipe books with clear, simply worded instructions and helpful illustrations can be appealing.

Stories which youngsters or animals deal with fears and feelings similar to those your children experience are a good bet. If you have an idea to contribute to the Education Minute, please call 702-333-1392.

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