

MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



EDUCATION

Local high schoolers win college auto skills contest

Seniors from Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Institute and Chaparral High School took the first three places in the Community College of Southern Nevada's first ever Auto Skills Competition held Saturday, March 16.

Vo-Tech's Daniel White and Ryan Frei and Chaparral's Greg Reece beat out 32 other contestants from seven high schools. Competitors came from as far away as Beatty, Laughlin and Lincoln County, as well as from Cheyenne, Durango, Rancho and Valley in Las Vegas.

Students sweated through an Olympic-like marathon of 19 work stations testing their knowledge and skills to resolve auto problems ranging from air

conditioning to transmissions. Auto service technicians from seven new car dealerships and three independent auto repair businesses judged the eight-hour event at the Cheyenne Campus, home of CCSN's nationally certified Automotive Service Excellence program of study.

As the meet's overall winner, White scored nine first in 19 stations, while Frei took three first and Reece won one category. Both White and Frei already work part-time in the industry, serving internships with Fairway Chevrolet.

"This competition was designed to challenge some of the best high school auto repair students and encourage them to

enter our training," said Paul Pate, head of the college's auto tech program.

According to Pate, the auto repair job market is wide open for qualified techs. With a million new cars produced each year, more than 80,000 automotive techs will be needed over the next four years. But all U.S. schools will only graduate 25,000 techs, less than a third.

Four first semester CCSN students also competed in a

special college level match-up. Scott Campbell, a Spring Valley resident, took first place and will represent CCSN at state level of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America competition.

CCSN's competition judges represented Desert Chrysler, Desert GMC, Fairway Chevrolet, Gaudin Ford, Henderson Chevrolet, Pat Clark Pontiac and Signature Lincoln, as well as CarQuest, Genuine Auto Parts and Hunter Alignment.

Local student selected as BISA scholar

Greensboro, N.C. — Freshman Ebony Wallace of Las Vegas has been selected as Bennett College's first BISA scholars. BISA (Black Women in Sisterhood for Action) awards

\$1000 per year to each of its scholars. The scholarship is continued as long as the students progress in an academic setting for two to four years of undergraduate education.

Wallace academic achievements have won her several awards. They include winning first place in a city-wide writing contest, first-place in the school and city-wide Social Science Fair. She placed third in the regional competition.

A future obstetrician, Wallace hopes to own and operate a teen clinic for inner-city youth.

BISA is a non-profit organization, that has been in operation since 1980. It provides scholarship assistance to financially needy colleges/universities, of their choice, across the country. The organization follows the students for the entire two or four years until they complete their undergraduate education.

BISA's students and their families, when present, provide counseling, arrangement for tutoring and financial assistance.

BISA provides role models and mentors for its students through its annual calendar of Distinguished Black Women.

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Ture: Still a favorite speaker on college campuses
BY KEITH O. HILTON

Two of the many highlights of my administrative stay at the Claremont Colleges in Southern California were the opportunities to extend an invitation to campus to two of the most outspoken intellectual and political activists in recent years; Dr. Lenora Fulani and Kwame Ture (formerly known as Stokely Carmichael).

These two activists are among the many African speakers still very popular with college students. Today, some others include Cornel West, Skip Gates, Maya Angelou, Khalid Muhammad, Toni Morrison and Johnnie Cochran.

I have known and respected Dr. Fulani since my New York days and continue to respect her insight on political issues. One does not have to agree with all of Lenora's points, but there is no question that she challenges you to think critically.

Kwame Ture, to put it simply, is a living legend throughout the African world. He is a revolutionary in the truest sense of the word.

Still full of fire, the Howard University graduate and Trinidad and Tobago native remains a favorite speaker on college campuses nationwide. Recently he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

I applaud Dr. Barbara Justice and so many others in New York and also Dr. Conrad Worrill of

the National Black United Front in Chicago (and many others) for coming to Kwame Ture's side at this moment.

Here is a man who could have easily "matured" like several of his contemporaries and gone into politics as a participant, consultant or analyst, but he chose to stay on the front lines.

He could have joined the higher education academy and become an excellent professor of the social sciences, but he chose to educate college students in another way.

Here is a socialist who could have done the "politically correct" thing and called himself a Marxist, but he proudly refers to himself as an Nkrumahist.

His place in history is as secure as BLACK POWER and PAN AFRICANISM. He has talked, caucused and walked with legendary 20th century leaders such as Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Chairman Mao, President Fidel Castro, Minister Farrakhan and the Hon. Andrew Young.

College students all over the nation have heard Ture's message of "get organized." He constantly encourages students to join organizations so that they will develop leadership and analytical skills that will prepare

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McDonald's honors Black History Makers of Tomorrow winner

Las Vegas McDonald's will honor Erica Johnson, winner of the "McDonald's/KCEP Black History Makers of Tomorrow" college scholarship with a dinner March 28. The dinner will be held at McDonald's restaurant, 836 N. Nellis at 6:00 p.m.

Johnson, a senior at Bishop Gorman High School, submitted a 500-word essay, her academic records, and a list of extra-curricular activities to win the \$650 scholarship. Johnson

was selected from a pool of 25 applicants, a Las Vegas record.

A part of McDonald's Black History Month celebration, the program honors outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, character and scholarship, along with the potential to be future Black History makers.

"This program lets us recognize outstanding students in the Clark County area who are committed to making a positive contribution to their communities and to themselves," said Tom Art, president of the Greater Las Vegas McDonald's Owner/Operator Association. "Erica is dedicated to making a difference right now and in the future by participating in student government, the Black Student Union, Sun Youth Forum, and student ambassador activities."

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