

NEWS CLIPS

NAFEO TAKES THE LEAD IN AIDS/HIV PREVENTION EDUCATION

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) has received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control to help educate black college students about the dangers of HIV. NAFEO will develop a system for higher education policy and decision-making designed to support programs that prevent infection among college students. The body enrolls about 300,000 students at 117 historically predominately black colleges and universities yearly. AIDS is the sixth cause of death among 15-to-24-year-olds in the United States. African-Americans and Latinos together account for nearly 50 percent of all AIDS cases today.

ACTRESS ENJOYS SWEET TASTE OF COURTROOM SUCCESS

Cicely Tyson has won a judgment in court against actress/perfume magnet Elizabeth Taylor, reports the *Tri-State Defender*. A court awarded Tyson more than \$600,000 for being improperly fired after critics panned the stage version of "The Corn is Green." Tyson was under contract with Taylor's production company to act in a stage and screen version of the play. After critics panned the stage version, she was fired for taking a night off to attend a Washington tribute to her then husband, Miles Davis.

NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

Members of the black and Latino communities, and a coalition of progressive groups and individuals including like Dick Gregory, Bobby Seale, filmmaker Haile Gerima and the National Lawyers Guild, endorsed the Oct. 22 "National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation." Activities included a rally at the New York City Hall; a march in Oakland, CA; a rally at Seattle's Central Community College and a series of rallies in front of various police departments in Florida, Chicago, Grand Rapids, MI, Philadelphia, Hawaii and Houston, TX. Ball State University in Indiana and various cities in Kansas also held events. Jitu Weusi of the New York chapter of the National Black United Front said blacks in New York have "known for at least the past 20 years, that it is open season by the NYPD against our young people. Police need not fear punishment in assaulting or killing our youth with impunity." The protest was called to say "No more!" to police brutality and police murder, said Carl Dix, a member of the National Coordinating Committee for the October 22 Coalition.

WILLIAM MARROW PUBLISHES JOYCELYN ELDERS; AUTOBIOGRAPHY

During her tenure as surgeon general, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, M.D. created a storm of controversy with her forthright, in-your-face, tell-it-like-it-is viewpoints. She will surely never be forgotten, writes *The Michigan Chronicle*. In *Joycelyn Elders, M.D.: From Sharecroppers Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America*, she shares the story of her extraordinary life, the roots of her values and the evolution of her ideas, and reveals the behind-the-scenes machinations that led to her firing from the office of surgeon general. The autobiography takes readers through Elders' poverty-stricken childhood in the small town of Schaal, Ark. where she grew up in a tiny cabin that had neither electricity nor running water. Presently, Dr. Elders is professor of pediatrics at the University of Arkansas Medical School.

REPRESSION KEEPS AWARD WINNER ANONYMOUS

A Sudanese human rights activist will receive the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, but the identities of the recipient and the groups with which the laureate works are being kept secret amid fears Khartoum will seek out and punish them, reports IPS. This is the first time the Washington, D.C.-based Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights has had to give the award anonymously, since it was launched 13 years ago. "The unfortunate reality that we cannot identify the recipient serves as a powerful reminder of the need to support the many courageous people inside Sudan, who, at great personal risk, are using nonviolent means to help victims of human rights abuses," said Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, founder of the RFK Memorial Center for Human Rights. The award carries a \$30,000 cash prize and will be presented Nov. 20 in a Capital Hill ceremony. No stand-in for the Sudanese winner has been announced.

SOUTH AFRICANS LIVE "JIM CROW" STYLE IN HOME COUNTRY

During apartheid, the South African authorities carefully housed blacks and whites as far from each other as possible, reports IPS. Blacks lived in areas called "locations" as if to emphasize their anonymity, while whites lived in the suburbs. The reasoning was: "Blacks may be needed as workers, but a sense of impermanence should be preserved and a social and physical distance maintained," explains South African journalist Allister Sparks in his book *The Mind of South Africa*. "It was not enough simply to segregate living areas; a law of 1954 required that there should be a buffer strip of at least 500 yards wide between any black quarter and the town it served," he said. This is one legacy of apartheid that may never be undone. As government improves housing, it is doing so in those long established settlements. The fertile, prime land still belongs to the rich, white farmers, while the government only owns some 26 percent of the surface area.

Las Vegas man to be honored as one of the original Tuskegee Airmen

By George Werneth
Special to the Sentinel-Voice

More than 50 years ago, James Bernard Knighten flew 81 combat missions over Italy, Sicily and North Africa during World War II.

He was one of the pioneer black American fighter pilots known as the "Tuskegee Airmen."

Today Knighten is 77 and works in Las Vegas as a weekend comedian at the Debbie Reynolds Hotel.

"The Germans couldn't shoot straight, otherwise I wouldn't be here," he quipped in a recent interview.

He is one of 19 surviving pilots of the U.S. Army Air Corps all-black original 99th Fighter Squadron to be honored with Mobile, Ala.'s "Patriot of the Year Award" at the Veteran's Day celebration Nov. 11.

Knighten is one of 12 of the

Barber

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Among the ballot measures that voters did approve include raising taxes to hire more police and another to build several new schools and renovate several older ones.

"I'm very happy for the bond issue passing," Barber said. "We need the school and the rehabilitation work."

The school district is one of the 10 largest school systems, with more than 179,000 students, in the entire country.

Barber, who plans to resign as a principal in December, wants to push for more pre-kindergarten programs and

airmen from across the nation who plan to come to Mobile to receive their honor at a luncheon and parade.

The black pilots came to be known as the Tuskegee Airmen because they underwent their pilot training at Tuskegee Army Airfield in east-central Alabama. The exploits of these men were the subject of an HBO film.

The Las Vegas resident said segregation in the military as well as in the South during World War II was nothing new to him. "I lived in a segregationist environment all my life," Knighten said. "I grew up in Tulsa and St. Louis and they were segregated." he said he also attended the then all-black Dillard University in New Orleans before he joined the Tuskegee Airmen.

"In those days, the only other way we could come down there to Alabama was with a noose

stronger student assessments so teachers have a better idea what the needs of individual students in their classrooms are.

"I did a lot of walking through the district, which includes some 40,000 parents, and I got to know many of the people who were voting and a I saw plenty of parents of children who had attended one of the schools I worked at here," she said. (Barker spent 28 of her 40 years in education teaching in Las Vegas.)

"I really feel the parents really believe I would do a good job," she said. "I have the advantage of having been in the schools

around our neck," he said. "Now it's a big change."

Concerning the training for the black unit at Tuskegee, Knighten said "it was just like going to another college. Actually, it was fun; we got to fly airplanes and we got paid, too. It was a great opportunity."

He said he felt no extreme pressure to perform well while being trained with the other Tuskegee Airmen. "I was 22 years old. I didn't have a serious thought in my head. We were enjoying ourselves. I had nothing to prove - all I wanted was a chance to fly.

"I didn't think of racism. When the law was against you, you just went with it, you had to." He said he is looking forward to traveling to Mobile but added, "I don't feel like a hero, we just did what we were supposed to do."

Knighten began working as a stand-up in Las Vegas several

and I know what's going on, I've been there."

Barber said she will expect and solicit ideas and discussion from all parents; "All I ask is that everybody show the proper respect for each other."

Of her opponent McMillan - a longtime community activist and local dentist - "I haven't talked to him.

"But we ran a very clean campaign and we have a lot of respect for each other, and I certainly will call him from time to time for input and to share ideas.

"I'm very happy," she said. "And excited, we got a lot of work to do."

years ago after retiring with 20 years service in the Federal Aviation Administration as an operations inspector. Prior to that he served for 22 years in the Air Force and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

He had worked "on the side" as a comedian in New York City clubs while with the FAA. He was later transferred to Los Angeles (See *Tuskegee*, Page 13)

Election Results

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 6 (Clark)

Arlene Southard (R) 1,499 31%
Wendell Williams (D) 3,387 69%

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 7 (Clark)

Morse Arberry (D) 3,929 74%
Chester Richardson (R) 1,392 26%

Clark County Commission (District D)

Y. Atkinson Gates (D) 11,842 79%
Earl Swift (R) 3,216 21%

CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Department 8
Lee Gates 144,411 71%
Martin Hastings 59,862 29%

Department 11
Kenneth Cory 90,110 47%
Michael Douglas 99,607 53%

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
District 2, Subdistrict A
Lillian Hickey 6,294 53%
Marcia Washington 5,523 47%

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT C

Shirley Barber 9,408 62%
James McMillan 5,862 38%



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