



Williams Miles and school board member Shirley Barber embrace after Tuesday afternoon's Clark County School District ceremony honoring Miles and others working to improve the school district. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice



Kermit R. Booker Elementary Principal Beverly Mathis and Barber share a moment Tuesday. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

# Booker's 'village' concept to education honored

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Beverly Mathis thinks highly of Williams Miles.

On Tuesday afternoon, Miles found out just how much.

Mathis joined hundreds at the Community College of Southern Nevada's Cheyenne Campus in saluting Miles and others for their tireless commitment to improving the school district.

Miles, winner of a 1997 Clark County School District Parent Hall of Fame Award, received his award Tuesday during the district's Fifth Annual Parent and Excellence

in Education Hall of Fame Ceremony in the Nicholas J. Horn Auditorium.

Kermit Booker Elementary School's Parent/Teacher Village, which Miles participates in, also took home a 1997 Excellence in Education Hall of Fame Award.

Mathis, Kermit R. Booker Elementary School principal, said Miles puts to practice the school theme: "It takes a village to raise child."

Everyday he walks his children, Chaisson, 8, Anasia, 7, and Perry, 5, to and from school. In between, he function as a math and reading tutor, big

brother, father figure, mentor, hall monitor, chaperone and disciplinarian.

"I saw a need for parents to get involved (at Booker)," Miles said. "And I sought to fulfill that need."

When a child sees his parent in school, that tells the child that school is important, Mathis said.

"It is truly a joy to have Mr. Miles as part of our 'village,'" Mathis said.

Created for the 1995-96 school year, the Parent/Teacher Village combines the arts and sciences, with athletics, life skills training, career planning

workshops, field trips, guest speakers and multicultural activities, Mathis said.

Other programs like the Future Engineers and Math, Science and Engineering programs promote these disciplines among minorities and girls.

Mathis said this year's subtheme, "What a wonderful world," captures the atmosphere at Booker.

"Teachers teaching and children learning, that's the bottom line," Mathis said.

"We want to make school the best place in the world to be."

# Local NAACP branch to elect officers

Special to Sentinel-Voice

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will elect its new officers from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 20 at the Las Vegas Community Development Resource Center (CDRC) Office located at 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 440.

William Penn, national director of branches and field services, will monitor the election. The national office of the organization voided the results of the previous election following allegations that the incumbent presidential candidate, the Rev. James Rogers, was unfairly favored.

Voters must be current NAACP members with at least a 30-day tenure prior to the election. The deadline for renewal of old memberships and submitting new memberships is April 20, 1997.

The following are a list of those running for office:

Barbara Robinson and current president the Rev. James M. Rogers, Sr. will vie for the presidency.

First vice-presidential candidates are Thomas Leigh and Jerry Lindsey.

The Rev. Willie Davis is the lone candidate for second vice president.

Third vice-presidential candidates include Linda Howard, Samuel Smith and Rosemary Sport.

Tarsha Crockett and Tracey Lewis are running for secretary.

Dora Legrande and Joanna Wesley are competing for treasurer.

Executive board candidates: Rosalie Boulware, Lena Brass, Willa Chaney, Washington Davis, Gloria Despenza, Ida Gaines, Valecia Haron, Otis Harris, Kelvin Haywood, J. David Haywood, Debra Jackson, Kaniim Kawee, Geraldine Leigh, Marzette Lewis, Gerald Phillops, Saranne Knight-Predy, Lou Richardson, Mozwellia Scott, Carolyn Shelton, Esther Taylor, Marcia Washington, Stan Washington, Cassandra Watkins, John Wesley, T.E. Williams and Linda Young.



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