

# NEWS CLIPS

## HATTIE CANTY NAMED AUGUST CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Community leader Hattie Canty will be named the City of Las Vegas' August Citizen of the Month at Monday's city council meeting. Councilman Michael McDonald will make the announcement. "Hattie Canty is someone I admire tremendously," said McDonald, who nominated her for the award. "She has met every challenge life has to offer and still continues to give to her community." Canty is president of the Culinary Union, Local 226. Widowed in 1975 with 10 children to support, she went to work as a maid in the Maxim hotel. Canty got involved in the union in 1985. She was elected Trustee in 1987. In 1992, she became the first African-American woman elected to the Democratic National Committee of Nevada. Canty is an active member of Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition, the Las Vegas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other community organizations.

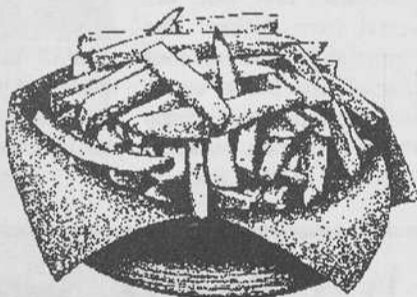
## CBC URGES PRESIDENT TO OPPOSE SENATE PROPOSAL

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has sent a letter to President Clinton urging him to oppose a Senate provision designed to impose co-payments on individuals receiving Medicare home health care. Congressman John Lewis (D-Ga.) initiated the letter and gathered signatures from all 38 CBC members, including Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), CBC chair and Congressman Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), the ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee. The letter was sent to Clinton as the House and Senate Medicare conferees debated the Senate provision. "We cannot raise revenue on the backs of seniors," Lewis said. According to a recent report by the Kaiser Medicare Policy Project, low income seniors, minority women and those living alone have the greatest home care needs. The Senate-passed bill includes a provision requiring Medicare beneficiaries to pay \$5 for each home care visit they receive, up to the amount of the hospital deductible - \$760 in 1997, and an estimated \$960 by 2002. The provision is expected to raise \$4.9 billion over five years.

## YALE RESEARCHERS HUNGER FOR FEDERAL JUNK FOOD REGULATION

Yale University researchers have taken the first step toward turning unhealthy food production and distribution into the nation's next pariah industry. They are now calling for federal regulation of unhealthy foods, federal subsidies of

fruits and vegetables and punitive excise taxes on high-fat foods. Professor Kelly D. Brownell, director of Yale's Center of Eating and Weight



Disorders, said the United States is plagued with an "out-of-control epidemic of obesity and other diseases related to diet, such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer." African-Americans need to take particular note as these are diseases that disproportionately affect their community. "Junk food advertisements should be regulated," Brownell said.

## NCNW ANNOUNCES '97 AWARD WINNERS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) has announced the 1997 winners of the Excellence in Teaching Award (EITA). Julia Blair-Battle is this year's national winner. For 14 years, Battle, an accomplished vocalist, has helped students achieve excellence through music at the Sherwood Forest Elementary School in New Orleans. The mid-atlantic region winner, Eleanor Stewart, has taught music at William B. Powell Elementary School in Washington, D.C. for 30 years. Patricia D. Oyeshiku's 26 years of experience teaching high school English and world literature has earned her the award for the western region. Representing the midwest region is Francine E. Johnson, who has spent the past 11 of her 19 years of teaching at the Oscar Stanton DePriest Elementary School in Chicago. Eva J. Spence-Johnson, the northeast regional winner, encourages her students to look past obstacles. Although many of her students require special education, she has taught them not to be handicapped by their limitations. The southern regional winner, Arlinda Davis-Jones, is a first grade teacher at Avondale Elementary School in Birmingham, Ala.

# Radio station trains future broadcasters

By Crisandra Varnado  
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Vo-Tech High School senior Cameron Miller credits KCEP-FM 88.1 with putting him on the path to being a television news anchor.

"I've learned so much here that when I graduate from high school I want to go into college and major in television broadcasting," he said.

Miller joined 17 other high schools students who learned the inner workings of radio broadcasting in the third annual KCEP-FM 88.1 Summer Radio Broadcasting Program. The students were taught how to operate the production room, perform on the air, make contacts and the job of the general manager.

KCEP General Manager Sherman Rutledge Jr., helped create the program to instill academic values and assist students in a higher education. "This is a great opportunity



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

KCEP intern Damon Heeter (far left) joins other interns Leslie Walker (2nd from left), Lauren Bevill and Cameron Miller Wednesday in the radio station's studios.

for students who have an interest in broadcasting," he said. "They get to experience hands on training as an intern, then have the opportunity in the future to come back and train others."

"Mr. Rutledge always tells us to be impressionable, and to give back to the community," Miller said.

The program is sponsored

by KCEP, the Economic Opportunity Board and the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). It is funded by the state, EOB and KCEP.

The interns were exposed to many different things during the seven-week program.

In addition to training and earning a paycheck - \$6 an hour - they went on field trips to the KLAS Channel 8 studios

as well as the Community College of Southern Nevada. State senator Richard Bryan even stopped in for a visit.

"This program provides the students with real life experiences that will be very helpful in getting an understanding of how to get a job in a real life situation," Bryan said.

Like Miller, intern Stephanie Garcia, an Eldorado High School senior, wants to be on-air personality. "Someday I would like to get my bachelors' and masters' degree and go into communications," she said.

Bryson Hargraves envisions himself as a lawyer. Nonetheless, the sophomore at Cimarron High School sophomore said the program was a good experience for him.

The interns graduate noon Saturday inside a ballroom at the Sante Fe Hotel and Casino, 4949 N. Rancho Drive.

# Former congressman gets additional jail time

By Elaine Hegwood Bowen  
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Though nearing the end of his jail sentence for sexual misconduct, former U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds will spend another six-and-a-half years in jail for bank and campaign fraud.

Reynolds asked for leniency July 15 before being sentenced to another six-and-a-half years in federal prison.

Reynolds' wife, Marisol, who at first stood by her husband but then charged him with abuse, was also charged and convicted of campaign fraud.

She is expected to be sentenced in that case and has filed for divorce from Reynolds.

The former Illinois congressman was found guilty April 15 of fraud - illegally raising campaign cash and defrauding banks of hundreds of thousands of dollars. He is due to complete his sentence on

sexual misconduct in early 1998. The new sentence will begin at that time.

Reynolds' attorney William Hooks said his client is being unfairly targeted by prosecutors. He said that instead of focusing on "real" criminals the U.S. Attorney's Office is bent on further punishing Reynolds, who grew up poor, became a Rhodes scholar and eventually a promising force in Washington.

U.S. District Judge Charles Norgle, who sentenced Reynolds, said the former politician is also guilty of numerous obstruction of justice violations. Reynolds has lied to the court and concealed and/or destroyed evidence, Norgle said.

Even though Reynolds might be sorry for his action, the judge reportedly thinks he has not shown enough remorse and is only now attempting to avoid more jail time.

Hooks reportedly will appeal the court's decision.

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—U.S. District Judge Charles Norgle

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