

NEWS CLIPS

JUDGE REBUFFS STROHMEYER'S DEFENSE EFFORT

The defense for accused killer Jeremy Strohmeyer failed Monday to win sanctions against District Attorney Stewart Bell. The defense claimed that by publicly announcing that he was seeking the death penalty Bell violated a court order restricting comment on the case. Defense attorney Richard Wright said Bell should be forced to withdraw his intent to seek the death penalty and required to poll people in an attempt to discover the effects pretrial publicity is having on the case. District Judge Don Chairez denied the motion. Strohmeyer, 18, of Long Beach, Calif., is charged with sexual assault and murder in connection with the May 25 death of Los Angeles second-grader Sherrice Iverson, 7. Iverson's body was found in a women's restroom adjacent to an arcade inside the Primm Valley hotel, 43 miles south of Las Vegas. Bell said the defense tactic was probably aimed at delaying Strohmeyer's April 20 trial date.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD ORDINANCE DRAFTED MONDAY

The creation of a civilian review board took its first steps Monday when the Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs authorized the drafting of an ordinance slated to govern the board. After the committee reviews the draft next month, the City of Las Vegas and Clark County will obtain legal counsel on how to create the board. Once reviewed by the committee, the public will get a chance to voice its concern. Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas, and Education Committee Chairman Wendell Williams sponsored the bill which was approved by the 1997 Legislature. Citizens have requested that the board be capped at 13 members, at least four of whom should be minorities. Metro and several city officials want people familiar with law enforcement to be on the board as well. The committee's next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 20 in the council chambers inside the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway.

DECEASED BASEBALL GREAT HONORED WITH GOLD COIN

Baseball great Jackie Robinson, who died in 1972, is still achieving "firsts." The man whose barrier-breaking entry into Major League Baseball helped to open professional sports to talented minorities, has now become the first African-American to be honored with a U.S. gold coin. "A place on the nation's coinage is one of the highest tributes we bestow on one of our own," said U.S. Mint Director Philip N. Diehl. "The program commemorates a remarkable, unforgettable American who elevated both our national pastime and our national ideals." Thanks to congressional action, the U.S. government has issued 100,000 gold coins and 200,000 silver coins as part of the continued observance of the 50th anniversary of Robinson's historic 1947 breaking of baseball's color barrier. And there is still another first. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the coins will help the Jackie Robinson Foundation provide financial support to college-bound high school seniors who have strong academic capabilities and leadership potential. Never before has a U.S. Mint commemorative coin program funded college scholarships.

USDA, BLACK COLLEGES PUT RURAL COMMUNITIES ONLINE

The information super highway has forged a path into 45 southern, rural communities thanks to a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture of more than 80 government surplus computers to black universities participating in the 1890 Land Grant University Community-Based Organization Outreach Program. Once the college or university places the computers in community-based organizations, residents have free access to word-processing software and BISnet, a Wide Area Network linking the universities and their outreach communities. Universities participating in this program include: Alcorn State, Prairie View A&M, Fort Valley State, Southern, South Carolina State, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Fort Berthold Community College, Tuskegee, Hampton, Alabama A&M, Langston, Lincoln, Tennessee State, Virginia State, Kentucky State, the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, North Carolina A&T, Delaware State and Florida A&M.

AT&T GIVES \$80,000 TO CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Education is crucial for success, and today's technology is crucial in giving students the training they need to succeed, AT&T officials believe. Consequently, the telecommunications giant is supporting the Videoconferencing Training, Research and Education Center at Clark University. AT&T recently presented the Center with a check for \$80,000, the second installment of a \$150,000 commitment by the company. Videoconferencing is being used at about 40 of the nation's 114 Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs). It allows students to take courses at other schools, meet with corporate recruiters and links faculty researchers with distant laboratories and other institutions. The center will use the AT&T grant to further promote the use of videoconferencing, particularly at smaller and geographically isolated schools, in addition to helping schools upgrade older systems. For more information about the Center at Clark Atlanta University, call Dr. Diane Bowles, the program's director at (404) 880-6836.

Coalition targets adult illiteracy

By Derek E. Garner
Sentinel-Voice

Civic leaders and concerned citizens met at the Imperial Palace hotel last week to brainstorm methods to combat a problem plaguing Nevadans and African-Americans as a whole: adult illiteracy.

"What we have to do now is reach those who may have a fear of being recognized as functionally illiterate," keynote speaker Dr. Kenny Guinn told attendees. "This begins at home and gradually can be implemented at the workplace."

Gov. Bob Miller and first Lady Sandy Miller joined academics and business leaders in lamenting the Clark County's 51 percent adult illiteracy rate.

"Much attention should be brought to this problem," Sandy Miller said, "because it adversely affects so many people in so many different

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— Sheryl Morris, conference participant

ways."

The Nevada Literacy Coalition, along with other adult tutoring programs, presided over the meeting which included a silent auction and dinner.

The occasion marked the first time Nevada has recognized International Literacy Day.

Higher illiteracy numbers for the county's African-American adults can be blamed on those who migrate to Las Vegas for its job wealth and halt their education once here, some African-Americans say.

"Our people come out here

looking to get hired in these casinos because of the pay, never keeping in mind that they should better themselves from an educational standpoint," longtime resident Charles Johnson said. "The focus should be shifted away from dollar amounts to textbook amounts."

In addition to earmarking more money to fight adult illiteracy, some blacks say leaders need to accept that a problem exists. Some think the city's politicians only pander to them when it's time to cast the ballot.

"They put on this charade

like they care around election time," Sheryl Morris said. "But when we vote them into office they turn their backs."

Sandy Miller disagreed.

"It has always been in my interest as well as the Governor's to take on problems that affect every Nevada citizen, whether they be African-American, White, Hispanic or any other persuasion."

Morris said blacks, especially, need to seize opportunities to better themselves, their families and their communities.

The coalition recommended increasing public awareness of the adult illiteracy problem as well as the benefits of seeking literacy service providers. It also urged the state's businesses to improve workforce literacy.

For more information about the coalition, call 800-445-WORD(9673) or 687-8340.

Satcher tabbed Surgeon General, assistant health secretary

Special to Sentinel-Voice

President Clinton last week announced the nomination of Dr. David Satcher to serve as Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Satcher, of Tennessee, is a renowned physician, scholar, and public health leader. He has been the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since November, 1993.

As CDC director, Satcher spearheaded initiatives that have increased childhood immunization rates, upgraded the nation's capability to respond to emerging infectious disease, and laid the groundwork for a new Early Warning System to detect and prevent food-borne illnesses.

During Satcher's tenure, the CDC has also placed a greater

emphasis on preventive programs, including the CDC's comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening program which was expanded from 18 to 50 states as well as the landmark Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health.

Satcher serves as Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the Health and Human Services agency created by the Superfund law, to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment.

Satcher was president of Meharry Medical College from 1982 to 1993. Prior to that, he served as professor and chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and

Family Practice at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Satcher has received wide recognition during his career.

In 1996, he received the prestigious Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award from the American Medical Association in the category of Executive Branch Member Serving by Presidential Appointment for outstanding public service to advance the public health. In 1986, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his leadership skills.

Satcher received a bachelor's degree from

Morehouse College and an M.D. and Ph.D. degree in Cytogenetics from Case Western Reserve University.

The Surgeon General serves as administrator and chief spokesperson for the Commissioned Corps and is the principal advisor on public health to the nation, providing national leadership and guidance for developing public health strategies.

The Assistant Secretary for Health conducts broad assessments designed to anticipate future public health issues and coordinates population-based minority health and women's health initiatives.

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