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FLYING TIGER

Golfer phenom Tiger Woods boards a Thunderbird jet earlier this week at Nellis Air Force Base. Woods is in town to defend his Las Vegas Golf Invitational title. The 1996 LVI victory was his first PGA tourney win.



Sentinel-Voice photo by John Broussard

Approximately 1,800 homeless people attended a homeless fair Wednesday.

Nearly 2,000 homeless served

By Yvette Zmaila
Sentinel-Voice

More than 1,800 homeless Las Vegans got a taste of home Wednesday at Cashman Field during a fair dedicated to them.

During the Fifth Annual Stand Down for the Homeless, they ate, groomed themselves, got medical, legal and health advice and learned that someone actually cares about them.

The homeless filed through the Cashman Field exhibit areas which lasted from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Government and private agencies, businesses and volunteers collaborated on the event.

Linda Lera-Randle, chairwoman

of the event's sponsor, the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition said the day began with a signing of the National Anthem. Many homeless being veterans, were reminded that though they do not have a home, do have a country, she said.

The Hard Rock Casino and Planet Hollywood together donated more than 3,000 bagged lunches.

Medical care was provided by the Veterans Medical Center, Southern Nevada Community Health Centers, the Clark County Health District, the National Guard and the Clark County Outreach Team.

Businesses such as the Mirage, Pioneer Citizens Bank, Wells Fargo (See Homeless, Page 4)

Black, Jewish poets honor family

By Sharon Savage
Sentinel-Voice

Capitalizing on the poetry's resurgence in the national landscape, the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District have created a forum they hope bridges the gap between Blacks and Jews.

Titled, "Poets Cross Culture," the reading session will take place 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 at the West Las Vegas Library Theater, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. The event coincides with October's designation as Family Month.

"It's a priority to develop better dialogue with the African-American community," said Joshua Abbey, the federation's program director. "The

best way to develop that type of positive interaction would be through cultural exchange." Abbey said it is not only important to preach multiculturalism, but to practice it.

Theater manager Joyce Thomas said its important that cultural barriers be broken down. "It's important because we are a multicultural society, and although we are different, there are some similarities (between us).

Thomas said poetry can help unite both cultures." For too long we have let our differences separate us, and poetry, the written word has a way of transcending all barriers."

Participating poets have been charged with crafting their work to deal with family and family values.

Scheduled to share original work are Keith Brantley, Cosmo Coley,

Dayvid Figler, Bruce Isaacson, Deborah Kohen, Pendelita, Toney and Gwen Walker.

"There is a very strong underground poetry scene with numerous Jewish and African-American poets that have strong voices," Abbey said. "I thought they would be appropriate ambassadors to initiate dialogue."

Isaacson said he would not have missed the chance to participate in the forum because of its potential impact. He said the reading has renewed his interest in poetry.

"It is tremendously important that we branch out to reach a more culturally diverse audience instead of being isolated within our own world."

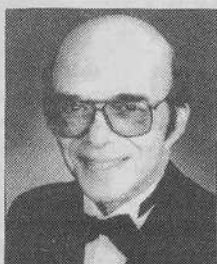
He said he hopes people take (See Poets, Page 4)



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BAILEY, WONDER & RUTLEDGE

Grammy-award winning recording artist and Motown legend Stevie Wonder dropped by the KCEP 88.1 FM studios during the station's annual Radiothon function to raise money. Wonder's visit caused phone lines to be tied up as he shares some quality time with Kim Bailey, coordinator of the Economic Opportunity Board's Micro Business Program, and Sherman Rutledge, KCEP's general manager.



GIBSON

A journey through time

Black radio pioneer Jack "The Rapper" Gibson and former KCEP gospel disc jockey Rev. Sam Roberson will be honored during an Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 25. The event is going to be held at the New York, New York Hotel. Proceeds from the event are going towards radio station KCEP-FM 88's fundraiser.



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