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Victoria Franklin, right, became the first Miss Nevada to make the national Miss Teen USA finals.

Nevadan first to make teen pageant top 3

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Eldorado High student Victoria Franklin on Tuesday became the first Nevadan to make the finals of the Miss Teen USA National Competition.

The 17-year-old cheerleader was chosen as the second runner up in the Miss Teen USA National Competition in Shreveport, La. during Monday's finals.

"I had a wonderful time representing the state of Nevada at the pageant," Franklin said. "it was one of the greatest times of my life."

Franklin is the first Miss Nevada Teen USA contestant to make the top 10 finalists. The pageant aired Tuesday.

First runner-up was Miss Tennessee with Miss S. Carolina taking the crown.

Franklin, crowned Miss Nevada Teen last November, spent almost two weeks in Shreveport with other contestants rehearsing and interviewing for the final pageant.

Franklin's mother Karen and a host of other families members joined Franklin in Shreveport. The family raised money for the pageant by selling fireworks and soliciting contributions.

She will be a senior at Eldorado High this year and continue her cheerleading and running track. She is an honor student and senior class president and plans to attend law school.

Hill: Clinton affair could hurt women politically

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Anita Hill, the former aide to Clarence Thomas who put sexual harassment on the national agenda, says Bill Clinton's alleged sexual peccadilloes should be judged against his performance as president.

"The reality is that this behavior may exist, and the public may be forgiving, because on balance the president is doing a good job

for the public man and woman," the former law professor said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Hill testified before a Senate committee in 1991 that Thomas sexually harassed her, and the allegations almost undid Thomas' nomination to be a Supreme Court justice.

She said the public deserved the truth from Clinton, but not necessarily an apology.

"What he owes the public is (See Clinton, Page 20)

Tyson's turnabout stuns New Jersey

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — For New Jersey officials, Mike Tyson's last-minute withdrawal of his request for a boxing license may have been the best possible outcome.

On one hand, it extricated them from publicly endorsing the man who served a three-year prison term for rape, bit an opponent's ears and used profanity in front of regulators at a hearing.

On the other, it saved them from turning down boxing's biggest draw, who stood to make millions — for himself, Atlantic City casinos and the state — by staging his comeback fight in New Jersey.

The decision is now up to regulators in Nevada, where Tyson, in a turnabout, applied for a license last Thursday.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey, people were at a loss Friday to understand the boxer's sudden change of heart.



MIKE TYSON

"We were in shock. No one here has any idea why he did what he did," said Donald Tremblay, a publicist for boxing promoter Main Events.

According to one report, state Athletic Control Board members were leaning toward denying Tyson a license, so he withdrew his application the night before the vote.

Quoting unnamed sources, The Star-Ledger of Newark reported Friday that board

chairman Gerald Gormley and board member Gary Shaw — the two members who were to vote — were deadlocked on whether to grant the license, and that the "yes" vote for Tyson was shaky.

The two may have felt pressured because of anti-Tyson comments made by Gormley's brother, state Sen. William L. Gormley, and another lawmaker, the newspaper said.

Gormley, who said earlier in the week that Tyson shouldn't be licensed, on Friday defended his comments.

Asked if they may have swayed board members, he said: "I don't know. The whole world got to see the comments. I was asked my opinion and I voiced it."

Gormley said he spoke with his brother after Tyson withdrew, but he would not divulge what was said.

Board members weren't talking. Telephone messages

left for Shaw and Gerald Gormley were not returned Friday.

Asked if it was possible that someone told Tyson's camp the license was a longshot, a spokesman for state attorney general Peter Verniero said no decision was made.

"There was never a vote," Roger Shatzkin said Friday. "The vote was scheduled for this morning. They would have deliberated, voted and made it public in the session. In essence, I couldn't speculate on what anybody said before it took place."

Gov. Christie Whitman said she was confident there was no leak to Tyson. She said she was not "overly excited by the thought of his fighting here," but didn't say so until Friday because she didn't want to prejudice the debate.

As for the revenue lost from a potential Tyson fight: "Money isn't everything in (See Tyson, Page 15)

Mirage training 150 Blacks for casino jobs

By John T. Stephens III
Special to Sentinel-Voice

Mirage Corporation, a four-casino collaboration, is offering 150 African-Americans an opportunity to train for employment.

Participants will be trained as dealers and given starting salaries around \$50,000 a year.

"Basically this program was designed to target African-Americans," said Lonnie Wright, department chair of resorts and gaming, said of the corporation which teams Golden Nugget, Treasure Island, Mirage and the soon-to-open Bellagio.

"There were strict procedures and guidelines that had to be followed," said Norm Curry, associate vice president of institutional services. "We had 150 positions that needed to be filled and received 250 applications to fill them."

Applicants will be subject to drug tests, criminal background checks, credit checks and personal scrutiny. Qualified persons would then receive six weeks of dealer training at the Community College of Southern Nevada.

Mirage Corporation will pay for the training. Sixty percent of the employees will



Sentinel-Voice photos by Ramon Savoy

Mirage Resorts Inc. administrator Lonnie Wright shows a group of prospective dealers how the game works. (Below) Naomi and Samuel Kline are both using the Mirage Corporation's casino program to land jobs as dealers at any of four Mirage Resorts properties.



work at the Bellagio, with the remaining 40 percent split among the Golden Nugget, Mirage and Treasure Island.

"This is unheard of," Naomi Kline said "It's like going from practice straight to the Super Bowl."

Her husband Samuel, also in the program, said, "Wynn is setting a precedence. It's the choice of the other casinos whether they wish to follow."

Dealers usually begin their careers in downtown gaming (See Training, Page 9)