

# Area youth participate in Junior Goodwill Games

**Special to Sentinel-Voice**  
Do you think you've got game? Are you the fastest kid in P.E.? Can you stroke like nobody's business?

If you're a local youngster between the ages of 8 and 13, the 1999 Junior Goodwill Games are for you. Hosted by the Nevada Youth Alliance, City of North Las Vegas Parks & Recreation and State of Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce, the

event is a free grassroots youth participation program in which youngsters will participate in any of three athletic events - basketball, swimming, and track & field. Taking place on Saturday, June 12 at 9:45 a.m., participants may register the day of the competition at Petiti Park at 2505 N. Bruce St., behind Jim Bridger Middle School.

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Vegas Parks & Recreation Center, local Toys 'R' Us stores, any local Papa John's Pizza, or Centennial Park Arms Learning Center are sites for sign up and/or information.

The first, second, and third place winners of the Local Competition will advance to a Junior Goodwill Games Sectional Competition. The Sectional Competition will be held nationwide at

approximately 50 locations. In order to qualify for the National Finals, to be held this summer in Atlanta, Ga., participants must win their Sectional Competition.

The 1999 Junior Goodwill Games are being administered by civic and youth organizations nationwide in conjunction with the Goodwill Games and Universal Marketing Associates, Inc.

## Slam

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president of the Dog Catchers, "This is great kicking off summer with something like this. A summerslam, step show, drill team, dunking, basketball bonanza."

Among the celebrities were singing group Immature, rapper-actors-

brothers Herculeez (16-year-old Jamal Mixon) and Big Tyme (17-year-old Jerod Mixon), along with and up-and-coming women's singing group Mystique, comprised of 18-year-old Crystal Lauth, 17-year-olds Melannie Hines and Erica Berry and 16-year-old Summer Collins.

"We (Mystique) need to show love in order to receive love," Lauth said. "We have to give before we can receive."

"I can't say I'm giving back to the community because I never left it," said Jerod Mixon. He and his brother Jamal will release their Jermaine Dupree-

produced first single "Hollywood" on July 13. "I'll never forget it (South Central, LA) because it comes from the heart."

"We (Immature) wanted to come out and support everyone... see our fans... and play basketball," said Batman, a member of the trio.

## Elections

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"Sunshine State."

It is estimated that at least 3,000 of this city's 18,000 registered voters are Haitian Americans.

While specifically targeting the Haitian community, using Creole talk radio, Celestin also went after the Black and Hispanic votes, estimated to be about 7,000 and 3,000 respectively.

In polling on May 11, Celestin had received 2,263 votes ahead of Frank Wolland who got 1,623, Anthony Caserta who got 855 and Ted Ravelo who polled only 254 votes. However, having failed

to get the 50 percent plus one, needed to become mayor, Celestin was forced into a run-off with Wolland.

Wolland worked on a new strategy, reaching out to the Haitian community. In the May 18 run-off Wolland won with 3,483 votes to Celestin's 3,045 votes.

In the end, Wolland's ability to raise money made the difference, pro-Celestin observers say, noting that Wolland was operating with a campaign fund of \$66,000 to Celestin's \$4,000.

"I'm disappointed but I still consider the Haitian community winners," said

one Haitian-American businessman. "We went to vote by the thousands to bring Joe into office. We did not make it, but we taught city officials a lesson.

From now on, whoever leads the city should know the Haitian community is not sleeping. We cannot be neglected."

While the media focussed overwhelmingly on the Celestin/Wolland mayoral contest, another Haitian-American, Ossmann Desir, was elected to the five-member Miami city council. Councilman Desir is the only Black member of that body.

## Semi-pro football team needs players, sponsors

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The city's 2-year-old semi-pro football team needs new players and more financial backing.

Edwin Rose and Eric Ruffin started the nonprofit Las Vegas Wolves to fill the voids in recreation and football. "Giving young adults something to do is the most important thing right now," Rose said. "We want to give them an opportunity to continue their football career and continue their love of the sport."

Last year, the team raised money with help from sponsors like The Diamond Club, Golds Gym, Turf Sporting Goods, Saturn of Henderson and many private sponsor. The Wolves finished 9-2. However, they are more sponsors to continue to the sport.

Advertisers will be included in game programs, banners, newsletters, patches on the team's jerseys and be mentioned in press interviews and television spots.

"We are currently negotiating a television contract for TV commercials," Rose said.

For now, neither the players or the coaching staff are paid for their participation. Rose said it's a management goal to get enough contributors and sponsors to be able to pay everyone, including female players.

Those interested in sponsoring or trying out for the Wolves can call Edwin Rose at (702) 395-3250.

## Welfare

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because "projected employment trends show that job growth in the near future will be concentrated in low-paying industries," most welfare families will find it more difficult to find work that can support a family.

This is not a prescription for successfully

moving people off welfare. Instead, it's part of the accumulating evidence that a huge storm is gathering force behind the good economic news.

Unless the welfare law is changed substantially, beginning with its provisions for workfare, we are all going to feel the brunt of it.

## AIDS

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- Develop an annual series of educational meetings about AIDS to be held for health-care professionals in Southern African countries. These professionals will, in turn, help train others at their home sites;

- Host 10 to 15 African physicians per year for training in HIV clinical care and research at Baylor and Texas Children's Hospital;

- Develop research collaboration between African and U.S. infectious-disease trainees per year for first-hand AIDS education and training experiences in Southern Africa.

The Southern African AIDS Education and Clinical Research Initiative at Baylor and Texas Children's Hospital is part of

Bristol-Myers Squibb's landmark effort to address the problem of AIDS where the disease has the greatest impact.

The drug company has committed \$100 million over the next five years to AIDS research and community outreach focused on women and children in countries of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, and Swaziland.

"HIV is particularly devastating to women and children in these countries," Kline said.

"More than half of all adults infected with the AIDS virus are women, and more than 1,000 infants are newly infected with HIV every day. In sub-Saharan Africa alone, nearly 8 million children have become HIV/AIDS orphans."

## ANC

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with the results.

"The two-thirds thing is the white party's business," said Essop Pahad, a close Mbeki confidante.

"The ANC spoke about a decisive, overwhelming majority."

The ANC had a slight lead

in the Western Cape over the New National Party, which won the province in 1994. Whites largely abandoned the party, which now draws most of its support from Afrikaans-speaking voters of mixed race.

It was uncertain whether the province would be

governed by an ANC- or National Party-led coalition.

A coalition also was likely in KwaZulu-Natal, the violence-plagued province which was the only place where the ANC did not lead. The Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party held a slight lead.

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