

Von Tobel pupils beat Wall Street, soar in stock game

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Von Tobel Middle School captured the top four slots and placed three more times on the top 10 of a state-funded financial game that teaches secondary education students about investments.

The Spring 2000 Stock Market Game is a program where teams of four to seven students start off investing \$100,000 in the stock market and track their investments over a 10-week time period.

"I didn't think we could but we did," Patrice Fuquay said of her team's win. "We picked good companies."

Nike, Nautica, and Guess Jeans were among the companies chosen by Fuquay, 13, Shawanna Rhodes, 12, Shameka Finks, 13, and Kortnie Ghormley, 13.

The four seventh-graders increased their financial portfolio by \$172,000.

"Middle school kids



Nevada Secretary of State Dean Heller presented awards to Von Tobel Middle School seventh-graders (left to right) Kortnie Ghormley, Patrice Fuquay, Mary Jo Lopez, game advisor, Shameka Finks and Shawanna Rhodes who turned \$100,000 into \$272,000 in 10 weeks during a stock market game that tested their investing savvy. The Von Tobel foursome's profit earned them top honors in the state.

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always beat the college kids—no contest—slam dunk," said Stock Market Game Coordinator John

Mundy, who says the game is also played by college students for college credit as well by youths from the fifth

through twelfth grades. "High school students do well, but are usually distracted by other things."

The Stock Market Game is in its 22nd run nationally and in its 10th run in Nevada. More than a 180 teams,

consisting of 8,500 students were competing for positions in the elementary, middle school, and high school divisions.

"You guys are the best of the best," Secretary of State Dean Heller told seventh grade class of Von Tobel MS. "There were a lot of professional money makers who were losing money while you were making money."

"We just bought the companies we liked," Finks said.

The Security Division of the Secretary of State Department fines companies for investment violations, that money is then funneled into an education program such as the Stock Market Game to enlighten the public on making investments.

It cost \$15 to \$18 dollars per team to play the game and the state of Nevada is the only state that covers the entry fee for all students.

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EOB, radio station team on empowerment initiative

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The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County and its subsidiary, radio station KCEP Power 88.1 FM have designated May as Community Empowerment Month, and given it the theme: Knowledge Is Power. The EOB and KCEP are sole sponsors of the campaign.

"It's a project to enhance as many educational, social and economical opportunities in our community as possible," KCEP General Manager Sherman Rutledge said. "There's also going to be a lot of community coverage done from everyday citizens on the air (this) month. We'll be at the schools. We'll be taking excerpts, getting different messages from the students at the various school sites we're adopting, then we'll be running that on a continuous basis."

"We'll host a live

broadcast each Wednesday from the West Las Vegas Theatre (including) a youth forum," he continued. "Six local youth organizations will have a representative to talk about the issues that affect them. It'll be an open mike forum where those who attend will be able to ask questions from the floor."

On Friday, KCEP will host the popular First Fridays gathering at the SRO Club, 1700 E. Flamingo Rd.

"We will be going around videotaping our local businesses and displaying them throughout the mixer that night," Rutledge said.

"On May 10th we're having our 'Second Wednesday Gospel,' which we started about three months ago," he said. "Our live broadcast on that evening will be in the station. We're going to launch our first gospel/inspirational talk show," which will be an hour-long program, he said.

Another reason for

moving the live broadcast inside the station that day is to accommodate a special meeting of student ambassadors.

Rutledge organized this summit of young leaders.

"We sent letters to all the students who attended the African-American Student Conference this February. We had about 753 students attend," he said.

Adult leadership will be scrutinized as well in activities planned for this month.

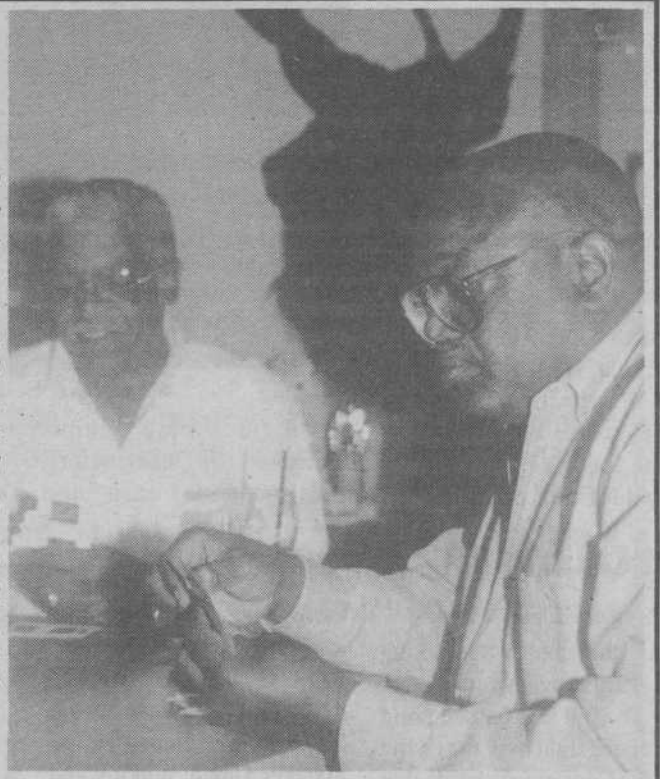
Said Rutledge: "We're having two other forums the other two Wednesdays. One will be dealing with our leadership — are they qualified? — who's going to pass the torch on to the next generation. It's going to be a very, very interesting live broadcast."

The relationship between education and empowerment, which in black communities is essentially one of cause- (See Empowerment, Pg 7)

FAMILY FUN

A.Y. (left) and Mickey Furman examine their respective hands during the fourth annual Elks family reunion put on by the IBP of OEW Alpha Temple No. 1180 and Paran Lodge No. 1508. The three-day event took place last weekend and included a fish fry, dance/social, barbecue, card/ dominoe tournament, breakfast and dinner.

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S.C. governor OKs King holiday bill

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Over NAACP protests, Gov. Jim Hodges signed a bill Monday giving South Carolina a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The action makes South Carolina the last state to officially recognize King Day, which had been an

optional holiday for state workers.

"Today, the people of South Carolina join together in the spirit of mutual respect," Hodges said.

The state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wanted Hodges to

veto the bill, which also establishes a permanent holiday honoring Confederate Memorial Day on May 10.

"We're against tying the two together," James Gallman, president of the state chapter, said Sunday.

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