

# NEWS CLIPS

## ENUMERATORS SET TO GO DOOR TO DOOR

The Census Bureau will begin sending out enumerators this month to gather information from citizens who did not fill out or receive a questionnaire. Approximately \$185 million in federal funds is at stake for Nevada. Census takers wear a census badge and carry a "Census 2000" tote bag. They don't go into homes or ask for social security numbers. "With so much at stake, it is now critical that people who have not been counted open their doors," said J. Kenneth Blackwell, a congressional member of the U.S. Census Monitoring Board. "The enumerators are your friends and neighbors who are working to benefit your community." Enumerators will knock on doors and make phone calls until July 7. Federal law forbids the Census Bureau from sharing their information with any other agency. More than four million people were missed in the 1990 census, the majority of them being children.

## BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM HOSTS SUCCESSFUL NEW YORK GALA

The Black Leadership Forum, a confederation of the nation's top 26 national civil rights and service organizations and leaders, hosted and saluted four well-known individuals April 19 by giving them the forum's preeminent honor, the Lamplighter Award. "These special people are American leaders at work," said Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich, forum executive director and chief operating officer, "and they are the very best our community has to offer to guide the rest of us forward in the new century." The Joseph E. Lowery Lamplighter Award for Equity and Justice was given to the Honorable Constance Baker Motley, a Justice of the United States District Court in New York. William Coleman, Esq., who is a former U.S. Transportation Secretary of the Ford Administration, received the Lamplighter Award for leadership. The Lamplighter Award for Corporate Leadership went to A. Barry Rand, a business executive of Avis Rent a Car. Dr. Emma C. Chappell earned the Lamplighter Award for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

## NATIONAL BLACK WIRE SERVICE GOES DIGITAL

Under new leadership, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the nation's oldest Black wire service, has ended its 81-year-old tradition of distributing the news via first-class mail in lieu of Internet distribution. The transition became effective April 30. The NNPA provides news for more than 200 Black publications around the nation. Many of those publications are community-based and have been in circulation for over 50 years. The majority of The Black Press has been receiving hand-delivered mail regarding news of events in Black communities across the nation for over 100 years. "It's the way it had always been done," said Todd Burroughs, an African American journalist whose longtime study of The Black Press has led to his position as Project Coordinator of the Black Press Institute, an educational foundation for Black journalists based in Washington, D.C. The majority of NNPA member newspapers began downloading their national news, photos and commentaries from the World Wide Web on Thursday. A small group of papers will temporarily receive news via broadcast fax. "This move allows the NNPA to continue its mandate to provide updated information to the Black Press," said NNPA President John Oliver, Jr. His family has owned and operated the Baltimore and Washington Afro American newspapers for 108 years. Oliver, who has been at the helm of the federation for less than a year, has been directing a concerted effort to move The Black Press into the electronic age. Oliver's Afro American paper was the first Black newspaper to create an online website in 1994. Benjamin Todd Jealous, the 27-year-old former Rhodes Scholar who serves as the NNPA's executive director, said the change allows the association to "cut its news service costs in half while making our service more responsive to the Black community's needs." National Black news services have always been distributed by mail since the now-defunct Associated Negro Press, one of the first Black press services was founded in 1919. The NNPA news service has been in operation since World War II. The upgrade comes at a series of significant points for the NNPA and The Black Press.

## Flag flap pulls Miss. lawmaker into court

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)— Efforts to rid the Mississippi state flag of its the Confederate battle flag have black lawmakers taking the state's lieutenant governor to court.

Lawmakers who want the Legislature to remove the symbol have been invoking a section of the state Constitution that allows them to request that a bill be read before final passage.

Reading a bill can take more than a half-hour.

Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, who presides over the state Senate, refused to allow senators to have budget bills — 110 of them — read before votes this weekend, and a group of lawmakers obtained a temporary restraining from a

chancery judge.

The judge, Hinds County Chancellor Denise Owens, ruled that Tuck was violating the constitutional rights of senators by not allowing the full bills to be read.

A hearing was scheduled this afternoon, but Attorney General Mike Moore asked the state Supreme Court today to set aside Owens' decision. There was no immediate ruling from the Supreme Court.

Tuck would not comment on Owens' order and said in a statement only that she had consulted with Moore. There was no indication whether Tuck would attend the hearing or allow lawyers to represent her.

State Sen. Robert Johnson,

a black Democrat, said the lieutenant governor, also a Democrat, could be found in contempt of court.

The state flag has the design of the Confederate battle flag - red background and blue diagonal stripes containing 13 white stars - in an upper corner. While the flag debate in Mississippi has not taken on the proportions of the dispute in South Carolina, where a boycott has cost the state millions of tourism dollars, it is growing.

In Jackson, the predominantly black city council last month banned any version of the Confederate flag from its chambers. And on the Gulf Coast, there has been a dispute over including the so-

called Rebel flag at a beach display.

The current legislative session is scheduled to end Sunday. One legislator, fearing the session would end without any action on the flag issue, tried to hold up weekend budget work by having the 110 budget bills read aloud.

House Speaker Tim Ford ruled that the proposals were conference reports, not bills, and did not have to be read. Black representatives then slowed work on budgets with speeches, questions and complaints about Ford's decision. Tuck halted the session for more than two hours before ruling as Ford had, that the proposals were not bills.

## Sympathy not helping Giuliani's re-election bid

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Two new polls show Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rudolph Giuliani still neck-and-neck in their race for Senate, with no "sympathy bounce" for the New York City mayor who last week disclosed he has prostate cancer.

A statewide telephone poll, conducted April 24 through Sunday by the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute in Hamden, Conn., found 46 percent of registered voters favored Clinton and 44 percent wanted Giuliani.

Statistically, the numbers are unchanged from the group's April poll, which showed 46 percent for the first lady and 43 percent for the mayor.

Quinnipiac Director Maurice Carroll said there was no shift in the poll's results after the mayor on Thursday told the public that he has cancer and that he is not sure he will be able to remain in the race.

"Beyond the compassion that everyone feels, Mayor Giuliani's prostate cancer has yet to have an impact on the Senate race," Carroll said.

The poll of 952 registered New York voters had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

A second telephone poll Friday and Saturday of 601 likely voters statewide also showed a tie.

The poll, conducted by Zogby International for the New York Post and Fox TV, showed Clinton and Giuliani both at 43 percent.

Asked by the Zogby pollsters who would be the best choice to replace Giuliani if he dropped out, Republican and non-Republican respondents overwhelmingly named Gov. George Pataki. Rep. Rick Lazio was a distant second.

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

## Black man taunted, set on fire in Great Britain

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)— A black man was verbally abused and then set on fire Monday, an attack police said was racially motivated.

The 24-year-old man, whose name was not released pending notification of relatives, was listed in stable condition at Selly Oak Hospital with burns to his face and right arm. His injuries were not thought to be life threatening.

"There appears to be no motive for the attack apart

from the fact it was racially motivated," said Detective Chief Inspector Neil James of the West Midlands Police. "It was a particularly vicious attack aggravated by the fact that the victim was abused verbally prior to being set alight."

Three white men were being sought for questioning, including one described as a skinhead. Authorities said the victim was walking his girlfriend home in the early hours when he was attacked.

Forensic tests were being

carried out to determine the liquid sprayed in the man's face before he was set afire, and the street where the attack occurred was sealed off so detectives could search it.

Police had not yet questioned the victim, who

remained sedated.

Birmingham, which has a working-class image due its history as a base for trade and manufacturing, is England's second-largest city, located about 105 miles northwest of London.

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## Black tavern owners hosting annual golf tournament

### Special to Sentinel-Voice

The Black Tavern Owners and Retail Beverage Association will host its sixth annual golf classic Saturday, July 22 at Angel Park, 100 S. Rampart Blvd.

Proceeds will go to the Southern Nevada Retail Beverage Scholarship fund and benefit the Youth Education Program and the UNLV Boxing Team.

"We have to give back," tournament chairman Louis Conner said. "As business people we have a responsibility to contribute back to the community which supports us."

"The organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the West Las Vegas community," treasurer John Edmond said.

The Black Tavern Owners and Retail Beverage Association was formed in 1990. Those interested can call 313-5257.