

## NEWS BRIEFS

### SENIORS SOUGHT FOR INTENSE SCIENCE CAMP

The Nevada Department of Education recently announced the availability of applications for the 2004 National Youth Science Camp. Two high school seniors will receive full scholarships to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The four-week experience includes lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation, three overnight expeditions into the National Forest and a visit to Washington, D.C. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership. A completed application packet must include an application cover sheet, a letter addressed to the Nevada coordinator giving your qualifications and reasons why you will benefit from the experience, a resume, a recent transcript and a letter of support from a teacher, principal or research mentor. Applications must be received at the Nevada Department of Education no later than Feb. 28, 2004. Those interested in more information or to receive an application packet can call Richard Vineyard at 775-687-9195 or e-mail him at rvineyard@nsn.k12.nv.us.

### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION REOPENS POPULAR LOAN OFFICE

The U.S. Small Business Administration reopened its popular 7(a) Loan program with an additional \$470 million in lending authority and a cap of \$750,000 per loan recipient. With the SBA's Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation awaiting Senate approval, the program was suspended earlier this month because of volume constraints under the Continuing Resolution that runs through the end of January. Since the beginning of the fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2003), SBA funding has come from a series of short-term Continuing Resolutions. The additional lending funds will allow office operation through Jan. 31. However, if program demand remains at its presently high levels, the amount might not be adequate to keep the program afloat. Once the SBA receives its anticipated appropriation, it expects to be able to keep the program running. "It is critical to our nation's small business community that the 7(a) program is back up and running as quick as possible," SBA administrator Hector Barreto said. "The SBA will provide 7(a) loans as long as the necessary funding is available. However, it is extremely important that Congress pass an annual appropriation to keep this vital loan program open, without interruption."

### CLINTON: COST OF AIDS TESTING IN AFRICA WILL DROP

NEW YORK (AP) - An agreement with five leading medical technology companies will reduce the cost of treating millions of HIV-infected people in Africa and the Caribbean, former President Clinton said recently. The deal brokered by his foundation could affect 90 percent of HIV-positive people in the Caribbean and one-third of those in sub-Saharan Africa, Clinton said. "We're systematically changing the economics of AIDS treatment in places where before now very, very few people have been able to receive care," said Clinton, speaking at his office in Harlem. Under the agreement, five companies - Bayer Diagnostics; Beckman Coulter; Becton, Dickinson and Company; bioMérieux; and Roche Diagnostics - would discount the prices of two types of tests needed in HIV/AIDS treatment. Within the next month or so, the five companies will take bids to set up AIDS testing laboratories in South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania, Rwanda, the Bahamas, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean islands. Executives from the companies who attended the news conference said they hoped to make up for lower profits with higher sales volume. In October, the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation announced a deal with pharmaceutical companies in India and South Africa to cut their prices on generic AIDS drugs. That agreement, combined with the reduced cost of tests, will drastically cut treatment costs, Clinton said. In South Africa, where 4.7 million people or roughly 11 percent of the population are infected with the virus, the per-person, per-year cost could drop from \$800 to \$250, he said.

## Cop kills another young Black man

By Saeed Shabazz  
Special to Sentinel-Voice

LOUISVILLE (NNPA) - Michael Newby, 19, was shot dead—in the back three times—by a Metro-Louisville undercover detective on January 3. According to the police, it was a drug bust, Newby had a gun, and there was a struggle.

On January 8, approximately 450 people attended a rally and march in downtown Louisville, after which, windows were broken at police headquarters.

Four people were arrested, all of them White, according

to the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Rev. Louis Coleman of the Justice Resource Center said that the young people wanted to talk to Police Chief Robert White, a Black man, because they are angry.

"I have been in the struggle for 30 years; and I appreciate the stand those young people took," Rev. Coleman said. He explained that 13 months ago, James Taylor was shot by police while handcuffed. The police said he had a box cutter and lunged at them. The police were exonerated

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### BUSH UNIONIZING

US President George W. Bush tells Americans that the war on terrorism continues during his State of the Union address Tuesday to a joint session of Congress, as Vice President Dick Cheney looks on at the US Capitol building in Washington DC.

## Man implicated in race riot nabbed

YORK, Pa. (AP) - A black man who stunned prosecutors last year by implicating himself and his brother in the fatal shooting of a white police officer during a 1969 race riot was arrested in New Orleans.

Michael E. Wright was arrested Tuesday outside a homeless shelter and remained in jail Wednesday, pending the processing of a murder warrant from York, an industrial community in south-central Pennsylvania.

Wright implicated himself, his brother Leon F. Wright and a third black man, Stephen D. Freeland, last March. His testimony came at the murder trial of Freeland and his brother in the shooting of rookie police officer Henry Schaad.

Wright, 54, responded, "We all did" when asked by prosecutors who shot at an armored police truck in which Schaad was riding on July 18, 1969. In previous grand jury testimony, Wright had implicated only Freeland for the fatal shot and had no plea or immunity deal with prosecutors.

Wright could not be found in June, when charges were

filed against him. It was unclear why it took prosecutors that long to file charges.

The three men were among a group of black residents angry over years of mistreatment by police in what was then a predominantly white city. Schaad was shot on the second day of rioting, when he and two other officers rode through a black neighborhood.

White mobs retaliated during a week of rioting, killing a visiting black woman from South Carolina. Dozens of people were injured and whole city blocks burned. Hundreds of state troopers

and National Guardsmen were called in to quell the riots.

Both killings remained unsolved until new information began trickling in more than 30 years later.

Freeland was sentenced to nine to 19 years and Leon Wright got 4 1/2 to 10 years for second-degree murder convictions.

York County Prosecutor Bill Graff said Wright was "completely surprised" when arrested in New Orleans. Graff said Wright may receive leniency because his testimony was helpful in the prosecution of Freeland and

Leon Wright.

In October 2002, a jury convicted two former white gang members of second-degree murder in the death of the black woman, Lillie Belle Allen, and acquitted the city's former mayor, Charlie Robertson.

Robertson, a police officer at the time of the riots, had been accused of inciting whites to violence.

Seven other white men pleaded guilty or no contest to lesser charges in Allen's death. She and relatives were riding in a car through a white neighborhood when she was shot.

## Police arrest 41 alleged LA gangsters

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Authorities Wednesday arrested 41 people they say belong to a violent gang with a history of attacks on police, including two last month in which officers were shot at.

The early morning operation targeted leaders of the Bounty Hunter Bloods, which authorities said operates in South Los Angeles and is one of the most violent gangs in the city's history. Police and FBI agents stormed the Nickerson Gardens public housing complex, the gang's base of operations.

"This morning we arrested essentially the hierarchy of the gang," FBI spokesman

Matt McLaughlin said.

Federal agents arrested 13 people for investigation of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and other charges. Los Angeles police took another 28 suspects into custody on drug-related charges.

FBI agents and police knocked down doors at Nickerson Gardens and exploded non-lethal concussion grenades as they rounded up suspects.

Police shut down nearby schools and cordoned off a wide area, leaving some neighbors temporarily stuck inside their homes.

## Rhyme

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claiming they were discriminated against and suffered physical and emotional distress. Judge Kathryn H. Vratil ruled last year that the case could proceed to trial, and it began on Tuesday before an eight-member jury.

The jury returned its verdict in favor of the airline Wednesday evening.

Attorney Scott A. Wissel, representing the two women, said in his opening statement that they were humiliated and degraded when Cundiff used the phrase, and decided to sue out of frustration after Southwest Airlines would not take their complaint seriously.

Cundiff, who is white, testified that she had used the rhyme before on other flights. She said Southwest Airlines encourages employees to use humor to help make flights more fun and memorable.

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