

Sisters

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stand what [patients] undergo during their diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer." One of the results of the program, according to Beatty, resulted in one of the event vendors going to the doctor within days and getting a mammogram which revealed that she had a small lump on one of her breasts.

With early detection, in the earliest phase, the survival rate for breast cancer is more than 98 percent, according to cancer specialists.

The group will begin reaching out to this individual and supporting her in her efforts

"No one needs to suffer from this disease alone, and now is the time to 'Stop the Silence' about this disease."

—Jeannie Beatty, president of the local chapter of Sisters Network Inc.

to combat this disease and live a more productive life with this early detection and treatment.

Gents

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The pairing lasts for the whole year and the students' mentors come to the school on a daily or regular basis to interact by going to students' classes, reading with the children and participating in other bonding experiences to benefit the child.

Mathis said that men

come in to work with our boys providing them "one-to-one relationship" and allowing them to be in a "nurturing and supportive environment" with a caring adult to help them. Mathis said the event was a way to give the students an off-campus group event to show appreciation for their mentors and

community sponsors.

Funding for the program comes from community business partners and some costs are paid through school funds. At the banquet, students performed musically in addition to professional entertainers the Checkmates, featuring Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie.



Sentinel-Voice photo by Les Pierres Streater

Surrounded by dozens of eager Booker Elementary pupils during the Gents and Lads Banquet, Sweet Louie, of veteran crooners, the Checkmates, sings for banquet attendees.

Alito

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Congress could not enact a ban on the possession of machine guns. It is clear that Alito's confirmation would seriously jeopardize Americans' rights."

In a statement announcing PFAW's opposition to the Alito nomination, the organization cited an example of what it believes is Alito's racial insensitivity.

"In one case that came before Alito, an African-American had been convicted of felony murder and sentenced to death by an all-White jury from which Black jurors had been impermissibly struck," it noted.

"Alito cast the deciding vote and wrote the majority opinion in a 2-1 ruling rejecting the defendant's claims. The full Third Circuit reversed Alito's ruling, and the majority specifically criticized him for having compared statistical evidence about the prosecution's exclusions of Blacks from juries in capital cases to an explanation of why a disproportionate number of recent U.S. presidents have been left-handed.

According to the majority, "to suggest any comparability to the striking of jurors based on their race is to minimize the history of discrimination against prospective Black jurors and Black defendants."

While much of the criticism of Alito from liberals has centered on his support of a Pennsylvania law that required women to inform their spouses of their decision to seek an abortion except in limited instances, additional questions have been raised about Alito's commitment to broadly enforce anti-discrimination laws.

Research by People for the American Way concluded: "Alito's decisions on civil rights raise a number of troubling questions about his commitment to strong enforcement of the nation's laws intended to protect people from discrimination.

In a number of instances, Alito issued opinions that made it far more difficult for victims of discrimination to get to court and prove their cases.

Alito's decisions appear to be especially harsh in the areas of gender and race discrimination, where he has dissented from

Third Circuit decisions and sought to make it much harder for victims of race and sex discrimination to prove discrimination."

Bray v. Marriott Hotels was a case in which an African-American woman had applied for a position that was given to a White woman.

"Her employer, Marriott, did not follow its own guidelines for hiring and several key employees involved in the process gave conflicting statements about how the decision to hire the White woman was ultimately made," the People for the American Way report noted, summarizing the case. "Bray sued, and the district court ruled for Marriott, holding that Bray had not presented a strong enough case to go to trial.

Bray appealed, and a divided three-judge panel of the Third Circuit overturned the district court, holding that Bray should be able to make her case to a jury. Alito dissented from the panel's decision and would have thrown out Bray's case."

Alito's dissent in the case provides a revealing peek into how he views some anti-discrimination laws.

"I have no doubt that in the future we are going to get more cases where an employer is choosing between competing candidates of roughly equal qualifications and the candidate who is not hired or promoted claims discrimination," Alito wrote.

"I also have little doubt that most plaintiffs will be able to use the discovery process to find minor inconsistencies in terms of the employers having failed to follow its internal procedures to the letter. What we end up doing then is converting anti-discrimination law into a 'conditions of employment' law, because we are allowing disgruntled employees to impose the costs of trial on employers who, although they have not acted with the intent to discriminate, may have treated their employees unfairly. This represents an unwarranted extension of the anti-discrimination laws."

Public Announcement Invitation to Bid Rainbow Dreams Academy Charter School

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Anthony L. Pollard Foundation invites and will receive sealed bids for its Rainbow Dreams Academy Charter School Project. The project consists of the construction of a K-2 charter school of approximately 12,000 square foot to be located at 950 West Lake Mead Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada with an estimated monetary range of \$3 million to \$4 million. This a Davis Bacon and Section 3 project.

Bid documents can be obtained at the office of Melvin Green Architect, Ltd. on Monday, October 31, 2005 for a non-refundable charge of \$150.00. Checks are to be made payable to the Anthony L. Pollard Foundation.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 9, at 2005 at 10 a.m. in the conference room of Melvin Green Architect, Ltd. located at 3305 W. Spring Mountain Rd., Suite 92, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Failure to attend will result in your bid being deemed non-responsive and returned to you unopened. No protest will be considered should your firm fail to attend the mandatory Pre-Bid Conference.

All bids must be received at the reception desk of the office of Melvin Green Architect, Ltd. by Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 3 p.m. Bids must be time-stamped by 3:00 p.m. Any bids time-stamped at 3:01 p.m. or after will be returned to bidder unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the established closing time and date in the conference room of Melvin Green Architect, Ltd.

Any questions should be referred, in writing, to Diane Pollard at 1331 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89146 or faxed to (702) 363-2520.



NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING I-515 CORRIDOR STUDY



The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is hosting a public information meeting to provide updated study information and collect input on traffic improvements proposed through the I-515 Corridor Study. This study includes the I-515 (U.S. 93/95) and its surrounding transportation network in the southeastern region of the Las Vegas Valley, along I-515 from I-15 to the Beltway Interchange in Henderson.

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Las Vegas Senior Center, Main Ballroom
451 East Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
(Las Vegas Blvd & Bonanza Rd)

Members of the public are invited to stop by the meeting (which will be an open house with no formal presentation) anytime between the posted meeting times to view various displays of proposed project plans and to submit comments in writing or in person to a stenographer.

Written comments will also be accepted until 5 p.m., Monday, November 28, 2005. Please submit comments to Scott Rawlins, c/o Susan Berkley, 420 N. 8th St., Las Vegas, NV, 89101, or e-mail the project Web site at i515study@pbsj.com to submit comments online.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, general information about the I-515 Corridor Study can be found by visiting the Web site at www.i515study.com, calling the project hotline at (702) 598-4636, or visiting the public information office located at 420 N. 8th Street, open Monday - Friday, 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.