

Lupus

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 that time. I'm doing better now. I have some decent doctors, although I won't say that they're the best, but they are taking care of me."

Yessenia Campos, 16, has had the disease for six years. "It's been hard to live with. I went to the doctors on many occasions, and I was sent back home, telling me that I had nothing wrong with me. They finally diagnosed that I had lupus two years ago, and they gave me chemotherapy. When some of my high school classmates found out that I was suffering from this disease and losing my

hair, they rejected me. My family has been there supporting me and gave me the strength to deal with this situation. I receive treatments on the weekends, so it makes it difficult for me to be a normal teenager. And many of my friends don't understand why I can't do things with them."

Systemic lupus erythematosus is the most common form of lupus. It affects the major organ systems like the kidneys, lungs (pulmonary hypertension) heart, nervous system and brain. Cutaneous lupus erythematosus refers produces rashes and lesions

(sores). Drug-induced lupus is caused by prescription medications such as hydralazine (used to treat high blood pressure or hypertension), procainamide (used to treat irregular heart rhythms) and isoniazid (used to treat tuberculosis).

Men generally suffer from this type of lupus. Neonatal lupus is a rare condition that affects infants of women who have lupus. Infants may have a skin rash, liver problem, low blood cell counts, or serious heart defect.

The symptoms associated with lupus include: extreme fatigue, headaches, painful or swollen joints, fever, anemia (low number of red blood cells or hemoglobin, or low total blood volume), swelling (edema) in the feet, legs, hands, and/or around the eyes, pain in the chest on deep breathing, butterfly-shaped rash across the cheeks and nose, sun or light-sensi-

tivity (photosensitivity), hair loss, abnormal blood clotting, fingers turning white and/or blue when cold (Raynaud's phenomenon), and mouth or nose ulcers.

Since lupus is difficult to diagnose, most doctors use a variety of examination processes: medical history, tests of blood and urine, biopsies, etc.

There are many illnesses that mimic lupus so it is important that a proper diagnosis is made by a physician.

Lupus of Nevada sponsors monthly support group meetings to educate and advocate for individuals suffering from this disease.

The groups meet every fourth Saturday of the month at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Reunion

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History unveiled three historical markers in Indianola — at the Giles Penny Savers Store, whose owners were active in the Civil Rights Movement; at the location of the Freedom School, and at the home of movement veteran Irene Magruder.

"I came here in 1964 and 1965, from Tacoma, Washington," Dennis Flannigan, now a Washington state representative, told *The Final Call*. He recalls he came from "a nice little school" in a White, Pacific Northwest enclave to come to Mississippi. "I came back and I see there are 23 women mayors who are African-American... I believe that the work done, changed the South, changed the North, changed America. [There's] a lot left to do."

Congressional Black Caucus member Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., was frequently beaten and jailed for his work as a SNCC leader. He is the only person still alive who spoke at the historic 1963 March on Washington.

"I feel like, 'Was it worth it?' And then I look around and see the changes, and I say 'Yes. It was worth it. It was necessary. But why did people have to go through so much? Why were so many people beaten? Why were so many people arrested and jailed? Why were the three Civil Rights workers killed?' That was one of the saddest and darkest times, when the three young men were killed here... When Medgar Evers was assassinated... We must keep moving, keep the faith, and stay involved... the struggle will not be in vain."

Askia Muhammad writes for the Final Call.

NAACP

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moved around a lot and forgot to re-register, college students, young people who are not rooted in a particular community and also people who might be confused about the status of their right to vote.

"For instance, people in California who are in jail and awaiting trial might not know that until they are convicted of a crime, they still have the right to vote," Jealous said.

According to the United States Census Bureau, only 69 percent of African-Americans are registered compared to 75 percent of their White counterparts.

"Every 20 years or so there's a major election — the 2008 presidential election," Jealous said. "We see this as our responsibility to get as many people as possible engaged in the political process."

Larry Miller writes for the Philadelphia Tribune.

Voting Rights

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consentee ballots to be mailed and returned," said Becker. "We'll continue to work with the states and, if necessary, file lawsuits."

Election Day Tactics

On election day, Becker said the division has a plan to help counter discriminatory acts.

"The division's election monitoring program will ensure that federal voting rights are respected on Election Day," she said.

"On Nov. 4, we will coordinate the appointment of hundreds of federal government employees in counties, cities and towns across this country."

After Cardin voiced concern about the residents' levels of comfort if they thought they were being watched, Becker said that the government employees will blend in with everyone else and will not look like police enforcement.

The department will also have a toll-free hotline for reporting problems.

Becker said that the Justice Department and the Senate Judiciary Committee "share a common ground" to ensure that discriminatory issues are "actively" handled and that on November 4, every vote counts.

Jamisha Purdy writes for Blackcollegeview.com.

Mosley

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Mayorga responded by playing to the crowd, making it clear he wasn't hurt.

Finally, the action picked up in the 12th.

Earlier Saturday night, unbeaten Andre Berto of Winter Haven, Fla., scored a unanimous 12-round decision over Steve Forbes of Las Vegas to retain his WBC welterweight title. Two judges scored the bout 118-109 and the other 116-111.

The 25-year-old Berto, who earned \$300,000, raised his record to 23-0 with 19 knockouts. The 31-year-old Forbes, who earned \$150,000, is 33-7 with nine knockouts. Berto weighed 145 1/2 pounds and Forbes the maximum 147 pounds. There were no knockdowns.

"I started to dominate in the fifth and sixth rounds, and it was my speed that won it," Berto said.

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