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Cheryl Walker Selected To Attend Claims Seminar



Cheryl Walker, Career Aid III, of the Reno Unemployment Office Employment Security Department, is selected to attend the Claims Examiners Seminar in Boulder, Colorado. The University of Colorado is conducting the Seminar from April 18th through April 28th, 1971, in full cooperation with our State Agency and the United States Bureau of Employment Security.

Mrs. Walker will have the opportunity to receive a very fine and meaningful educational experience. She will be accompanied to Boulder by Dolores Temple, a Claims Examiner from the Reno Unemployment Office.

Donate To Easter Seal

Reno's multi-racial teen group United Neighborhood Youth for Enjoyment voted to donate a portion of profits from its recent successful dance to the Easter Seal Campaign in keeping with its organizational purposes: to assist other organizations, to advance local recreational facilities, and to bring varied racial cultures together in harmony and understanding. Primarily planned to introduce UNITE to the community and interest other youths in belonging, seventeen members joined the nucleus group as a result of the dance. Planned capacity of this initial chapter of UNITE is fifty members.

Permanent officers include president Thurman Carthen, featured in last week's Las Vegas VOICE as one of Northern Nevada's most outstanding young men. Teddy Gaston is UNITE's vice president, Charlotte Curtis has been installed as secretary, and Janette Hibdon is treasurer. The group meets every other Tuesday evening in various homes and the thirteen meetings to date have been well attended.

A recent cook-out barbecue, and party held at Dog Valley was so enthusiastically enjoyed that the group plans to journey to Nevada Beach at Lake Tahoe for an all-day social and beach party.

Assembly Bill 249 Defeated In Committee

Defeated in Committee, Thursday, April 15, was Assembly Bill 249, a proposal providing for progressively more difficult qualifications for becoming a licensed real estate broker. "Although originally written as an attempt to upgrade the real estate brokers' profession, this bill would have caused serious discriminatory effect and virtually have denied the entry of blacks into this field," according to Eddie Scott, Director of the Reno Race Relations Center, who has lobbied strenuously and successfully for the defeat of this measure. Mr. Scott is also a familiar figure in the legislative corridors and committees for his lobbying efforts for the recently passed Open Housing Law.

A. B. 249 included qualifications to be added in various years through the year 1986. In addition to possibly locking minorities out of this profession, it would have stipulated requirements for the year 1986, which might have no possible relevance to conditions currently.

At the present time, only 1/4 of 1% of the active real estate brokers in Nevada are black. Had A. B. 249 passed, applicants for a broker's license after July 1, 1972 would have to have worked two years full-time as a licensed real estate salesman. In successive years, the two year requirement would have been advanced even further. In order to be a salesman, one has to be under contract with a broker. Minority persons would therefore have to seek employment from members of the white majority which might have denied members of the minority races an equal opportunity to engage in this calling.

Supported by Committeeman Coe Swobe, the bill was voted down by the four remaining Committeemen: Stan Drakulich, Mel Close, Floyd Lamb, and Chic Hecht.

SBA Acts To Aid Minority Owned Businesses

Word received this week from Mike Snodgrass, Minority Business Counselor of the G. S. A. Business Service Center in San Francisco, indicated that minority businessmen will benefit from increased loan and contractual award assistance. Implementing the Small Business Administration's "Project Own" in promoting Black Capitalism and economic advancement through minority-owned and operated businesses a newly announced program "88" which can assure preferential contract awards and eliminate competitive bidding through Federal Civil Rights and E. E. O. C. orders.

Further advancements were announced in the waiving of certain bonds to minority bidders and actual advancement of loans and equities, as opposed to mere attempts to assist minority persons in obtaining financing through established lending agencies. Also significant are recent arrangements to accept letters of credit in some instances in lieu of bonding, which greatly decreases the capital needed by a minority person to establish businesses.

Mr. Snodgrass announced that a seminar on the "88" program and other minority business advancements will be held in Sacramento, California in August to insure wide spread knowledge on ways to utilize these new programs.



Eddie Scott, Lobbyist, Race Relation, NAACP and Nevada Coalition, and the Rev. Prentiss, S. Walker. Taken at the legislative Bldg.

Customer Tries To Bunko Local Businesswoman

Mrs. Emrea Jackson, owner of EMREA Beauty Salon at 1261 East Ninth Street in Reno, required police assistance Friday when a difficult customer received a four hour hair weave and then stated he had no money with which to pay. Fortunately, one of the brothers, Mr. James Miles, was in the shop and assisted in detaining the Caucasian gentlemen until officers arrived. It was then discovered that the reluctant payer had \$80.00 on his person, and Mrs. Jackson was able to collect the amount due her.

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