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LITTLE MAN MAKES TELETHON SUCCESSFUL

Cranford Crawford Seeks Assembly Seat Dist. #7

Cranford Crawford, Black Community Developer for Zion United Methodist Church, has filed as a Democratic candidate for the Assembly District 7 seat. Crawford plans to run on a platform including juvenile rehabilitation, welfare reform, policy changes in education for youth and adults, and strengthening of the state agencies dealing with consumer affairs and civil rights protection for local citizens.

In his present employment as a Black Community Developer, Crawford has been involved with various cases where Black residents have been ill treated and could not obtain fair treatment without undue delay or red tape when dealing with existing agencies that either have no power or have a tremendous backlog of cases to be handled. He believes he is in a unique position to represent his district in the state legislature as he becomes more closely involved with the daily problems of the community residents.

When lobbying during the last legislature, on the fair housing bill, he saw the need for a community involved person to represent the thinking of Clark County's Black citizens in speaking against many of the bills being proposed with no input as to how the Black community would be affected. Crawford states he will not only be in a good position to adequately represent the needs of voters in his district but will also draw upon his background and experience as a former Social Caseworker for Nevada State Welfare Department and the Clark County Juvenile Court Services to promote basic improvements for the conditions of the poor and those in conflict with the law of our governing agencies.

Crawford is an eight year resident of Clark County and has been involved with community activities since his arrival here. He presently holds several offices in his church - Youth Advisor, Committeeman for the Boy Scout Troop, Chairman of the Social Concerns Committee, Trustee of the Methodist Foundation of Southern Nevada and a member of the Clark County Committee of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church.

In his work for the community, he works closely with the local branch of the NAACP and serves as an Executive Board Member of the Branch. He is also a former youth advisor for the NAACP Youth Branch and ex-Vice-President of the Branch.

He is now serving as President of the Las Vegas Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is a member of the Clark County Juvenile Welfare Advisory Board and the Clark County Juvenile Delinquency Advisory Committee.

Crawford is a graduate of Texas Southern University and is married to Jennie H. Crawford and is the brother of Margaret A. Crawford.



CIRCUS CIRCUS SIGNS CONSENT DECREE

Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst announced today that a new Las Vegas resort hotel has agreed to adopt the same non-discriminatory hiring policies that 17 other hotels and casinos were required to adopt a year ago.

Mr. Kleindienst said Circus-Circus, Inc., which opened a 500-room hotel July 1, agreed to be added as a party defendant to an employment discrimination suit and consent decree filed by the Department of Justice on June 4, 1971.

In that action, 17 major Las Vegas hotels and casinos signed a consent decree requiring them to hire and train blacks as casino dealers and for other higher paying jobs in the resort industry.

A supplemental consent decree, which was entered in U. S. District Court in Las Vegas requires Circus-Circus to comply with the equal employment opportunities provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Specifically, the new hotel is required to hire one black employee for every three other employees hired in 22 job classifications until blacks constitute at least 12-1/2 percent of each category.

Compliance reports filed by the 17 hotels and casinos indicate that the terms of the 1971 decree are being carried out, according to Assistant Attorney General David L. Norman, head of the Civil Rights Division.

During the last three months of 1971, 28 percent of those hired for jobs in the 22 traditionally white categories were black. In the highest paying job of dealer, 27 percent of those newly hired were black, including a woman, the first female dealer hired by the hotels.

Thanks and gratitude from the "SIR'S" goes out to the many contributors who helped make the first "Black Telethon ever held in Las Vegas a success. From the "Kick-Off Banquet Friday, through the closing hours Saturday at midnight, the show never stopped.

The Telethon was emceed by four of the top men in the business - Gus Guiffre, Joe Delaney, Roosevelt Tolston and Bob Bailey. Some of the entertainers appearing on the Telethon were: the Step Brother's Third Generation, the Patterson Singers, Ernie Terrell and the Heavyweights, the all-time great Mills Brothers, Harry Blackstone, Jr. and many spiritual groups, who went on with the show during the "wee hours of the morning" when the attendance was low.

Needless to say the event would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers - telephone operators, REACT members, who picked-up the donations throughout Clark County, Channel 8 and 13, who donated equipment - air time and the crews to operate the equipment, KVOV and KLAC radio stations who aired the "happenings" and the use of the Pan-Afro Auditorium donated by Bob Bailey.

Donations were sent in by hotel executives, members of the medical profession, and many businesses. But, the most moving was the children who brought their contributions of pennies, nickles and dimes. In fact, the Black community as a whole gave what they had seeming to feel the importance of their participation in helping to combat this dreadful disease that afflicts mostly Blacks, and for which there is no cure.

The proceeds from the Telethon will go to the Economic Opportunity Board 70 percent, Black Athletes Foundation 15 percent, for Education of Sickle Cell Anemia; and 15 percent to the Sickle Cell Anemia West Coast Research Foundation in San Francisco.

Anyone wishing to send contributions to the fund may send them to: Bank of Nevada, c/o The SIR'S, P. O. Box 3996, Civic Center Branch North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030.

Thank you - The SIR'S

Poor People Pulling Together

On June 29, 1972, Las Vegas Housing Authority held a meeting with tenants at Las Vegas City Hall to vote on guidelines for election of a Tenant Council.

A group of tenants represented by Ms. Harriette Batipps, Esq., Clark County Legal Services attorney, requested that they have adequate time to review the guidelines to be voted on.

Dr. Jones, Chairman of the Tenant Council Committee, stated at the outset of the meeting that no discussion would be allowed on the (see TENANT COUNCIL, page 10)