

Congressional Black Caucus honors Dr. Walker

The Congressional Black Caucus will pay tribute to Dr. Matthew Walker, Provost for External Affairs at Meharry Medical College, for his outstanding service when they present to him the George Collins Award for Community Service. Dr. Walker will receive this honor at the fifth annual Congressional Black Caucus dinner on Sept. 27 in the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

A tradition at the dinner is to give special recognition to those individuals and groups who have made, a profound contribution toward the goals in which the Caucus believes. Also, the Caucus plans to explore the progressive achievements and needs of the total Black community in social and political affairs.

Before being promoted to his present position in 1973 Dr. Walker was chairman of the Department of Surgery and Associate Dean of the School of Medicine at Meharry. He continues as Professor in the Department of Surgery. A graduate of Meharry in 1934, Dr. Walker began his career at the college the following year. He has received many honors in the professional and civic field, including the Omega Man of the Year award for 1973 from Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Among the numerous offices he has held is president of the National Medical Association. Also, he has done extensive research.

Meharry named its community health center for Dr. Walker in recognition of his work and leadership in planning for the facility. For many years Dr. Walker has been involved in the expansion of the hospital in Mound Bayou, Miss. and the training of Meharry students there.

Public Works Committee to hold meeting on I-15 Spur project

The Senate Public Works Committee has agreed to hold a congressional hearing Sept. 29 in Las Vegas on the Interstate 15 Spur project between Las Vegas Boulevard North and the Boulder Highway. Sen. Howard Cannon, on behalf of Nevada's Congressional Delegation, announced recently.

Cannon as senior member of the delegation, last May requested the committee hearing in Las Vegas "to prove to the committee and to federal highway officials the importance and vital necessity of this project."

In addition, Cannon, Sen. Paul Laxalt, Rep. Jim Santini, Gov. Mike O'Callaghan, Atty. Gen. Robert List, several mayors and other elected public officials from Clark County governments and Nevada highway officials met in Washington, D.C., earlier this year with federal highway officials to urge federal support of the \$72.3 million project.

The Senate Public Works Committee chairman, Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., notified Cannon that the hearing will be held between 9 a.m. and noon in Room 4010 of the Federal Building, 300 Las Vegas Blvd., South. He said eight witnesses have been scheduled to testify, and anyone else wishing to submit testimony on the proposed 5.9-mile

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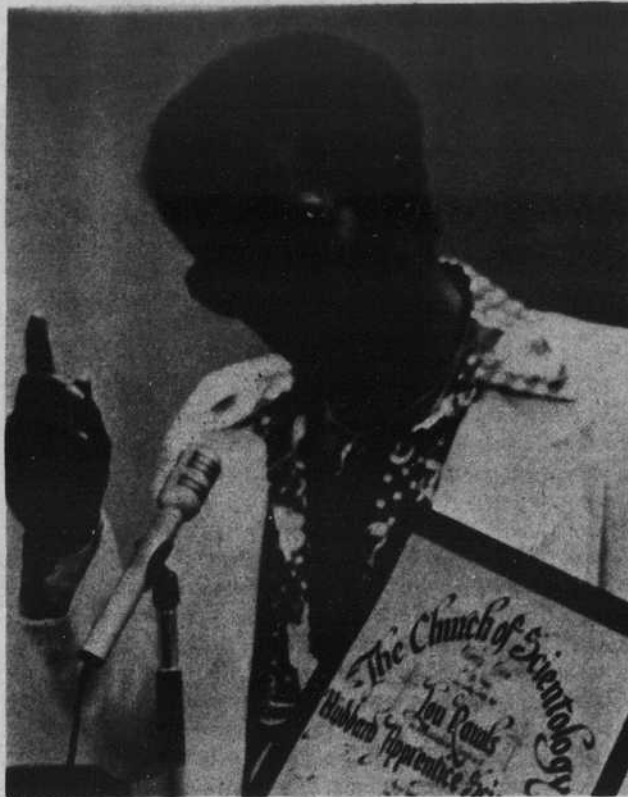
Prior to the hearing, Cannon, Randolph, O'Callaghan and Tiemann tentatively are scheduled to tour the proposed I-15 Spur project site.

The Nevada Congressional Delegation and state and local officials are attempting to obtain funding to ultimately connect the present Interstate 15 to the proposed U.S. 95 Expressway, which would greatly alleviate serious traffic problems existing in Las Vegas and Clark County and aid in growth planning.

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Lou Rawls and Scientology



LOU RAWLS

Lou Rawls, dynamic world renowned Black entertainer, who frequently headlines at the MGM Grand Lion's Den, has taken up a different sort of activity lately. He has just completed the Communications Course at the Church of Scientology Celebrity Center, 2004 Western Avenue.

While at first look it might seem odd for an accomplished entertainer to take a course in communication, Rawls says the course in Scientology has been helpful.

In a recent interview when asked if there has been any difference in his life since the Scientology training Rawls replied "Yes, there has been." He further commented "In gaining the awareness of Scientology, which is the awareness of one's self, you can just stay in a place and not be distracted--not be thrown off."

He told of the beginning of his career saying "Well, my career started like the average Black entertainer in the business today. I started singing in the church choir as a child, going through those changes. They are changes. Then, as I grew older, I started to travel throughout the country with a religious quartet and gave concerts." It's only been up since then, including his entry into Scientology.

Rawls was asked exactly how did his Communications Course help him, his reply, "I accomplished an awareness of myself which I knew was there, but didn't know how to find it."

Reading Clinic for Children

The Reading Clinic at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a center which provides clinical assistance for children with reading problems, is now accepting clients from the community for the fall.

Dr. Dan Baxley, director of the clinic, said that any child who is experiencing difficulty in reading may be enrolled.

"A phone call, by the parent, to the clinic office at 739-3409 or 739-3677 is all that is required to sign up your child," Baxley said. "Children are accepted on a first come, first served basis, as the number of children that can be helped is limited."

Activities in the clinic are scheduled to begin Sept. 30. They will continue through Dec. 9 on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights.

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Frank Wilkinson to speak at UNLV

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada will present a nationally known lecturer, Frank Wilkinson, on Sept. 30, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the Chemistry Building at UNLV. Mr. Wilkinson is the Executive Director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation.

The subject of his lecture will be Senate Bill I, a piece of national legislation which could seriously restrict our rights to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and due process.

The meeting will be open to the public and there will be no admission charge. In your own best interest, we urge you to attend the meeting so that you may be well informed about this critical piece of legislation.

CITIZENS INVITED TO ATTEND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Citizens Advisory Committee on consolidation will meet on Thursday, September 25, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. in the Police Auditorium at Las Vegas City Hall. All interested citizens are invited to attend and hear progress reports and make recommendations to the Joint City-County Consolidation Committee.

This committee is composed of city and county commissioners. Meetings will be held regularly on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8:00 P.M. in the Police Auditorium.

Santini opposes postage increase

Congressman Jim Santini said he would "vehemently oppose" any efforts by the U.S. Postal Service to increase the cost of postage stamps from 10 to 13 cents.

In calling for reorganization and reform of the Postal Service, Santini said one of the most persistent complaints in every section of Nevada deals with the mail delivery.

"The Postal Service is a financial and administrative mess," he said. "It needs a through revamping before it can even begin to improve and expand its service."

When the Postal Service was partially removed from the federal government jurisdiction in 1970, said Santini, there were promises of faster service at lower costs. "The result to date," he noted, "is slower service at higher cost." The projected figures for 1976 indicate that the Postal Service will be in \$1.6 billion in debt.

"Increasing the cost of stamps may help in cutting away at an enormous debt, but it does not answer the need for increased efficiency and service," the Nevada Democrat commented.

The House will soon consider the Postal Reorganization Act of 1975, which Santini said addresses the serious deficiencies in mail delivery and internal management.

Administrative misdirection by Postal officials in Washington, D.C. must be identified as a serious cause in the deterioration of our mail service, he added.

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