



BILL MCCURDY

McCurdy May Run For State Senate

Bill McCurdy, Deputy Constable of the Las Vegas Township, is casting some "trial winds" toward the State Senate seat, District 4, held currently by Senator Joe Neal. Earlier he had announced that some consideration would possibly be given to the Las State Assembly, the County or City Commission seats. "I'm giving some serious thought toward running for the State Senate seat," said McCurdy. "I hope to make an announcement soon."

Declining Black Population Makes Elections Tougher

The SENTINEL recently conducted an interview with Leonard Mason, president of the Mason Construction, Inc. During a number of years, he has worked closely with the local political scene. We were seeking his analogy on the future outlook for blacks on the county and city seats.

SENTINEL: Specifically, what was needed to get the job done?

MASON: You needed money. There's no longer the altruism — no one volunteers any more. The day for volunteerism is behind us. I think programs like CETA have taken people out of the whole mental spectrum of volunteering for anything because people who would have volunteered see those positions now

financed by the government. People have been spoiled by the Democratic Party who have financed registration drives in the past. The Democratic Party no longer needs any more blacks to register because we have reapportionment. So all of the Assembly districts are not concerned about all of Las Vegas because blacks will only be elected in two districts. In the past, all of the Assemblymen and Senators were concerned about this area. Countrywide we have the same question. We only have one County Commissioner who is going to be elected partially out of this district. The City Commission — the same story. So they're not concerned about the registration of blacks any longer.



MASON

SENTINEL: Are there any other problem areas?

MASON: Yes. The other problem we have, in terms of getting blacks elected, is that we're looking at a district where we have a declining population. There's no new housing being built in this area because of freeways, urban renewal, urban redevelopment, highway projects, etc. It has eliminated people and residences.



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NAACP Miami Coverage

The 71st Annual Convention of the NAACP airs on PBS via satellite from Miami Beach, Florida, July 4. There will be a one-hour special wrap-up report on Saturday, July 5 at 8 p.m.

"NAACP Convention 1980" marks the third year coverage by PBS. Among this year's activities for the 18,000 delegates and guests are workshops, a "Gospel Extravaganza," "Black History Film Festival," a "Mr. and Miss NAACP Coronation Ball," and ad-

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