

Sentinel Will Sponsor Huge Fund Raising Gala For NAACP

By Ed Brown

The other day the SENTINEL was contacted by a distraught former employee at one of the Strip's major hotels stating that he had been fired because of excessive absence due to illness. He was seeking information on his avenues of redress.

The SENTINEL referred him to the local chapter, NAACP - one of the community's important organizations who address themselves to such problems.

Within a few minutes the near panicky caller got in touch with the SENTINEL this time to report that the NAACP phones had been disconnected and learned from adjacent businesses that the office was closed.

This matter has drawn considerable concern in the black community. The SENTINEL has been deluged with a number of calls daily seeking information on the NAACP problem.



DR. McMILLAN

Dr. James B. McMillan, president of the local chapter, told the SENTINEL that the local chapter is going through an austerity problem and finds it necessary to drastically cut back on operational expenses. "There are four phones in the office," he said. "We must cut back and will operate with only one phone. We must be realistic and operate the local office within our means. We are no longer able to use CETA workers so a big cut-back in facilities and staff is paramount. We will not be able to keep the office open every day. The staff is presently on vacation.

"I am still seeing people every day, in my office, with their problems. We are doing the best we can under the circumstances," McMillan continued.

There is an alarming situation developing in the community. Recently the Civil Liberties Union office had to close due to insufficient funds needed to keep the office functioning. Said one source recently, "These important organizations are taken for granted. No one realizes that it takes funds to maintain office space and staff. There are additional operational expenses. It is a sad commentary for Las Vegas."

At present, the SENTINEL is planning on holding a huge fund-raising program for the NAACP at one of the major hotels. Contacts have been made with a number of top entertainers and, to date, the response has been tremendous.

Details as to location and other pertinent information will be reported in next week's SENTINEL.

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torneys will present a Women's Legal Issues Clinic on Saturday, August 23, at the Convention Center, Conference Room D.

The clinic will open at 8 a.m. for registration and will continue until 3 p.m. with panel discussions and workshops covering financial protection, domestic relations, consumer law, and employment, running throughout the day.

Fern Latino of the Displaced Homemaker Center of CCCC and Rochelle Berkely of the Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys are coordinators of the clinic.

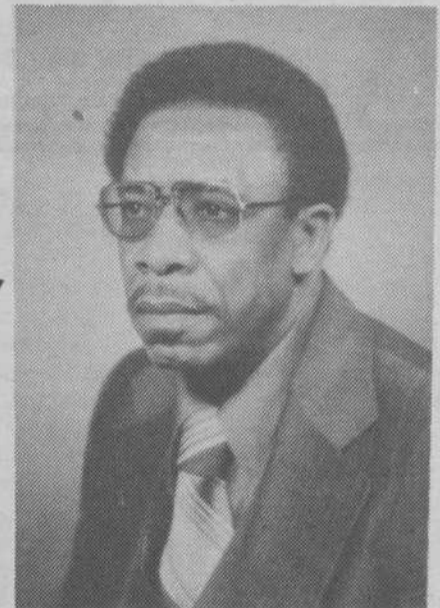
Co-sponsors are the southern Nevada chapters of the AAUW, BPW, and the League of Women Voters.

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