



ED BROWN AROUND TOWN

The president of the Las Vegas branch of the NAACP has been formally charged with malfeasance in office, and his removal from office has been requested through national NAACP headquarters.

The charges against chapter President Lovell Gaines were drafted in a letter last week by the executive committee of the chapter and mailed to the association's national board of directors, said a member of the executive committee.

A committee member said the next step is for members of the national board of directors to investigate whether there is any merit to the charges.

Gaines could not be reached for comment.

Richard Calvin Brown, Jr., 21, of 1113 Jimmy Ave., who was convicted on charges of robbery and battery, was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in the Nevada State Prison by District Judge Carl Christensen. He was convicted for punching a taxicab driver and stealing \$110.

The National Boule Of

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., will be held in Las Vegas from July 26 through August 2, 1981, at the Aladdin Hotel. Host chapter will be Alpha Rho and host Basileus is Soror Sarann Knight Preddy.

During the weeks activities, the Supreme Basileus, Dr. Catherine E. Bozeman of Selma, Alabama, will be honored and will participate in carrying out this year's theme: Women of Enlightenment, reaching cultural heights in the '80s.

While most activities are closed to the public, several functions will involve a number of prominent Las Vegas residents, beginning with the community luncheon on Monday when local, city and state officials will be present, a salute to the handicapped luncheon on Wednesday will honor handicapped children from the City of Las Vegas Recreation Department, Variety School, and the economic opportunity board of Clark County. The VIP banquet on Thursday night will feature Dr. Claude Perkins, Supt., of Clark County School District as guest speaker.

TENANT SHOOTS, CLUBS LANDLADY

Ruthie Ladd, 66, of 2300 Elm Ave. was shot in the chest after having been allegedly struck several times with a cane by Luther Robinson, 94, who resides at the same address.

It is alleged that Robinson apparently became upset with his landlady's primping in front of the mirror, while he impatiently waited for her to drive him to the welfare office.

Ladd, who rents rooms in her home, was struck by Robinson with his cane. When another tenant, Melvin Sacks, 59, tried to grab the cane, Robinson shot Ladd and then fired two shots at Sacks.

Girl Missing, Police Search

As the SENTINEL goes to press, Metro Police are still searching for 15 year old Evonne Bias, who was last seen by her parents last Wednesday morning.

Evonne, who is better known by her nickname "Cookie," was last seen sitting on the front porch of her home at 1206 "J" Street.

M.C. Bias, her father, related that he had been watering the lawn about 7 a.m. Wednesday and went in the house for a few minutes, leaving Evonne sitting on the front porch. When he returned to the porch about an hour later, she was gone, he said. Her parents have not seen or heard from her since that time.

WAITING CHILDREN

Melvin is a handsome black child who will be thirteen in August. Like many boys his age Melvin enjoys sports, especially softball, football and basketball. He likes skateboarding and riding his bike which he recently put together for himself.

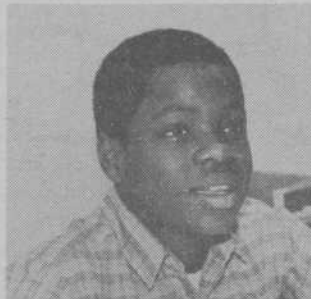
Unlike other seventh grade boys, Melvin doesn't have a family. Currently he is living in a group home, but that just isn't the same as a permanent, "forever" family. Melvin has been waiting to be adopted since he was 6 months old!

Melvin is capable of doing average work in school, but he does need help understanding the importance of school. Melvin tends to be socially immature and needs help establishing friendships. He is affectionate. He likes art and reading and he is making good progress in his group home.

Melvin wants to be adopted. He needs a two parent black family who can be patient with

his constant seeking of adult attention. Melvin needs parents who will respond with love. Is that too much for Melvin to hope for?

If you are interested in adopting Melvin or any special needs child, contact Aid To Adoption Of Special Kids. Melvin is waiting.



MELVIN

HOW CAN YOU ADOPT

The child described in this column is waiting for adoption. Nationwide, there are over 300,000 children who, for various reasons, have not found permanent parents, some have physical, mental or emotional handicaps; some are of mixed racial background; some are older. Others are

siblings.

The Las Vegas SENTINEL, working with AASK (Aid To Adoption Of Special Kids) hopes to find homes for these children.

AASK is looking for people who can give love and nurturing to hard to place children. Prospective parents may be single or married.

Subsidies (payment to the adopting family each month and medical expenses) are available for many of the children. Subsidies may depend on the financial situation of the adoptive family or the child's needs.

If you'd like more information on how to adopt a special child or how you can help financially support the AASK program, please call 876-7420 or write AASK Adoption Agency, 3305 W. Spring Mountain Road, Suite 92, Las Vegas 89102.

Adoption is a specific legal matter, and the Las Vegas SENTINEL can answer no questions concerning the children.

Prudhomme May Sue NLV Civil Service Board

Joseph Prudhomme, Chairman of the North Las Vegas Civil Service Board, who has been asked to resign his post, says he will take the city to court if he is not allowed to serve out his five year term.

In order to be appointed to the Civil Service Board, one must have resided in the city for two years. It is also customary for an appointee on such a board to resign if he moves outside the North Las Vegas City limits, although there are actually no regulations which require such a resignation.

Prudhomme, whose term is due to expire in June 1982, moved from North Las Vegas to the Paradise Valley area last year.

It is the policy of the North Las Vegas City Council to appoint non-city residents to some boards, such as the plumbing and the electrical boards, which require specific technical expertise which is not always available in the city.

Since there are no regulations which require him to relinquish his post, Prudhomme says, "I'll take the City of North Las Vegas to

court before I step down voluntarily."

North Las Vegas Mayor James Seastrand, who complimented



Prudhomme

Prudhomme on his service to the city, voiced the opinion, however, that he personally feels that Prudhomme should resign from the board.

ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM

The North Las Vegas Community Alcoholism program operated by the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County is now providing group counseling sessions in addition to one to one counseling.

These group sessions meet each Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 at 5 Tonopah, North Las Vegas, & on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

For further information, please call 649-9200.

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