

SENTINEL-VOICE PICKS LAS VEGAS CHAPTER NAACP SHAKEUP BIGGEST '82 STORY

1982 will knock its final toll at midnight tomorrow night and as always calls for a reflection and review of the year's passing events. SENTINEL-VOICE reporters who have scoured the beats in the community review the events and have compiled this report.

The shakeup within the local chapter of the NAACP captured the selection as the top story of the year by the SENTINEL-VOICE staff.

The continuous turmoil that developed within the organization while headed by its president Lovell Gaines and the consequential charges of alleged organizational and financial improprieties and the involvement of the Ministers Alliance in their call for change pulled considerable community attention. The scheduled NAACP election which was to have taken place during the month of November was shelved by the representation of the national NAACP office. Currently the local office is closed and will not open until current investigations are complete by the national office.

The story edged out the reports on the resignation of Dr. Lee Rayford from his State Equal Rights post. The current investigations on Assemblyman Lonie Chaney's alleged funds exchange between the Westside Charter Service and the Opportunities Industrialization Center headed by his brother Jim Chaney ran a close second.

THE TOP 10:

1. The shakeup within the local chapter of the NAACP.
2. Dr. Lee Rayford's resignation from the Equal Rights Post.
3. Investigation of Assemblyman Lonie Chaney's alleged involvement with exchange of funds with OIC.
4. The "YOBO STING" investigations currently underway alleging involvement with Clark County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson and some other County and State officials.
5. The eventual resignation of David Hoggard from his position as Executive Director, Economic Opportunity Board.
6. The "Food Stamp Sting" involving some community leaders along with families and individuals.
7. A sex scandal reported as involving Atty. Robert Archie.
8. Appointment of Dr. William Pearson as Las Vegas City Commissioner.

9. Gene Collins defeating Rev. Marion Bennett for a district assemblyman's post in the primary and eventually winning in the general election against Willie Neal.

10. The Holmes-Cooney fight held at Caesars Palace.

The runners up were stories about the appointment of Dr. Claude Perkins as Director of the Nevada State Dept. of Commerce; the Stop 'N Go Market on E. Lake Mead receiving a suspension for a Food Stamp violation; the completed purchase arrangements of Nucleus Plaza by a group of young black entrepreneurs; the appointment of Ed Brown as Nevada State Athletic Commissioner; the City Funds Coordinator Richard Blue - OIC head Jim Chaney fiasco on Blue's appointment as EOB Board Chairman; the official organization of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce; the dissolution of black programming on KVOV Radio and the hiatus of KCEP operations due to lack of funds; the hassle between the Clark County School District and supporters of the Mabel Hoggard School; the opening of the new Operation Life Medical Center and Jackson Avenue Revitalization Project.

Other stories headlined during the year included the Clark County School District employment shakeups; Tri-partite agreement signed regarding NEDCO's new dimension; grand opening of Club Rouge; Valley High School State Basketball Champs; CETA funds dispute; North Las Vegas burglaries and break-ins; Clark County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson - Rev. Albert Dunn alleged altercation; LINKS (3,000 strong) held convention in Las Vegas; Spiderman Burns suspended from UNLV; Ministers Alliance joined in coalition with Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; McNeals Quick Check burglarized on W. Carey Ave.; Fighter Michael Dokes in police altercation at Atty. Robert Archie's office.

7-11 Store on E. Lake Mead and "D" Street closed after 17 years; jobless rate and bad economic situation; man admitting murder and turns in self twice to police; Westside Credit Union audit alleged discrepancies; Monk Montgomery died; B.B. King in rare concert at Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas; Westside Crime Prevention program initiated; singer Lovelace Watkins chosen Act of the Year; Gerson Park gang member ruled guilty in murder; Westernettes Drill Team placed second in world competi-

tion.

Jimmy Carter given Fire Department award for heroism; CETA suspended grant to OIC; Bob Bailey honored by Gamma Phi Delta; Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice received award for outstanding journalism by Tiffany Social and Charity Club; Lonie Chaney blamed in Warehouse Motor Inn loss; Sam King passed over in NFL draft; Camille Franklin National High School All American in basketball; Carole Savage and Edward Keith national finalists in Achievement Scholarship Program; Rev. O.L. Jefferson opened first black mortuary in North Las Vegas; Gangland warfare nets one slaying and three arrests.

Compassion benefit planned for Westside Story; Lerone Bennett speaks in Las Vegas; Dr. Garnet Ice died; drug raid busts 23; Ministers Alliance marched down strip for jobs; an Operation Life building gutted by fire; merger of Las Vegas Sentinel and Vegas Voice newspapers; Ministers Alliance staged picket at Rancho Road Thriftmart store and opposes location of Univox of California, Inc. on lot next to Westside Story; New Town Tavern remodeling project also remodeling and beautification efforts of Love's Cocktail Lounge and Hughes Liquors business complex on Jackson Avenue.

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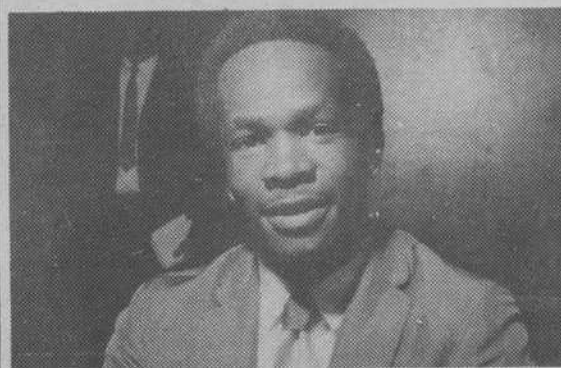
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