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Pictured left to right: Las Vegas Fire Department Captain David Washington and Faye Daniel of the Union Plaza Hotel firm the program for the "Black Firefighters' Third Annual Tribute To Black Executives and Businesses," to be held Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Union Plaza's Triple Crown Ballroom. Admission is free and "Love All People" will perform.

## Free GED Program Offered To Parents Of Head-Start

Eighteen adults are attending courses leading to a high school diploma in a unique program at the Economic Opportunity Board Building.

Co-sponsored by the Clark County School District, the unusual adult education program evolved from E.O.B.'s Head-Start Pre-

school Program. As parents enrolled tots in the Head-Start class, they were invited to participate in the adjacent adult course which would enable them to receive a high school diploma or prepare them to take the General Education Development Test. (G.E.D.)

For more information, call 384-4414.

## FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT REPORTS

The second recipient of the T. Thomas Fortune Fellowship was Reginald Owens, assistant professor of journalism, Texas Southern University. T. Thomas Fortune was the founder and publisher of the New York Age, that fought for the rights of Blacks in the post Civil War era. The \$8,500 grant is funded by Philip Morris, Inc., Miller Brewing Company and the Seven-Up Company, in partnership with the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Reginald Owens, who interned for three months in 1984 at the Philadelphia Tribune, the top newspaper of that year, making his report at the NNPA Mid-Winter Workshop Conference in Palm Springs, Calif., said, "The T. Thomas Fortune Fellowship program helps to foster a closer relationship between Black newspapers and Black academia. It is important that techniques and issues relating to the operation of Black newspapers be explored by Black academia so that these concepts can be taught to aspiring journalists. Black universities have historically taken on the task of paving the way for progress by studying and refining means in which progress can be obtained."

"Additionally," he continued, "the T. Thomas Fortune Fellowship is an added incentive for NNPA members to improve their papers as they compete for the organization's top newspaper of the year award."

Obrie Smith, director of corporate communications, Miller Brewing Company, stated, "The Fellowship was designed to emphasize the need to develop the highest degree of professionalism within the field of journalism." He explained that the Fellowship was also created to expose a journalism faculty member from a historically Black college or university to the day-to-day operations of a Black newspaper.

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