

Bill Cosby to receive NAACP Spingarn Award

NEW YORK- October 28, 1985 -- On Dec. 7, the NAACP will present its 70th Spingarn Award to veteran comedian, producer, director, businessman and educator Bill Cosby.

The Westside Ballroom of the Marriott Marquis Hotel - 1535 Broadway, New York City, will be the site of this prestigious medal award dinner which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Lena Horne, the 68th Spingarn Medalist, will present the medal to Dr. Cosby.

The Spingarn Medal was instituted in 1914 by the late J.E. Spingarn (then Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NAACP), who gave annually, until his death in 1939, a gold medal to be awarded for the highest or noblest achievement by an American Negro during the preceding year or years. A fund sufficient to continue the award was set up by his will to perpetuate the lifelong interest of his brother, Arthur B. Spingarn; his wife, Amy E. Spingarn, and himself in

the achievements of the American Negro. A nine-person committee of Award is selected by the NAACP Board of Directors to accept recommendations submitted and select the most deserving candidate.

Cosby, a native of Philadelphia, has been in comedy over twenty-five years, has produced 20 albums (3 of them musical) on the national pop charts, as well as six singles, and Awards for "Best Comedy Album" five times. As co-star in the "I Spy" series on NBC-TV, Cosby broke the

racial barrier of television and won three Emmy Awards. Currently, Cosby enjoys national and international acclaim as producer and star of the biggest and most influential hit of 1985, "The Cosby Show".

Co-Chairmen for the 70th Spingarn Award Dinner are: James L. Ferguson, Chairman & CEO General Foods Corporation, Thornton F. Bradshaw, Chairman & CEO RCA Corporation, Percy E. Sutton, Chairman Inner City Broadcasting Corporation.

Moulin Rouge gets OK for liquor license

A permanent liquor license was granted for the Moulin Rouge restaurant by the Las Vegas City Council Wednesday.

Councilmen unanimously approved lifting a requirement for semiannual reviews of the liquor license for the Cafe Rouge, co-owned by Sarann Knight Preddy and her husband, Joe.

The restaurant is located in the historical Moulin Rouge, 900 W. Bonanza Road, which was once the Westside's premier nightclub and was the first hotel-casino to welcome both black and white guests. Preddy and her husband are leasing the facility from building owner Leo Frey.

Before the approval came, however, Mayor Bill Briare warned Preddy not to allow alcohol to be served at another establishment owned by the pair, The People's Choice, which no longer has a liquor license.

"As far as the Cafe Rouge is concerned, you have a permanent license. Don't jeopardize it by doing something foolish somewhere else," Briare

said after Preddy told the council she allowed People's Choice patrons to drink alcoholic beverages purchased elsewhere.

Preddy said she hoped the permanent liquor license would encourage gaming regulators to grant a gaming license for the Moulin Rouge. However, gaming officials have said a license will not be issued until they can determine Frey's suitability.

CCCC president announced new Advisory Board head

Dr. Paul E. Meacham, President of Clark County Community College, announced that Rev. Caesar J. Caviglia, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Henderson, was elected as the Chairman of the CCCC Advisory Board. The Board provides advice and counsel to the College in areas of community needs and interest. Rev. Caviglia, in addition to his three earned academic degrees, has received an Honorary Doctorate from UNLV.

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Commissioner Pearson hosting special scouting growth effort

Recent surveys are indicating an increased interest in scouting. This expression has been noted among churches, youth and civic coordinators and many individuals.

County Commissioner William U. Pearson, in coordination with the Boulder Dam Area Council, has announced his interest in accelerating such a program and will host a mass Boy Scout sign-up day on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the

Heritage Hall, Nucleus Plaza, 928 West Owens Ave.

The community is urged to join in this effort to increase scouting participation throughout the area.

Refreshments and games of all kinds will be available for the youth in attendance.

Scout executives and leaders will also be on hand to assist in this accelerated expansion of the total program in the community.

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