

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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Job Fair

NAACP/McDonald Corporation are planning a Job Fair to be held in the Heritage Hall of the Nucleus Plaza Center, 950 W. Owens, Tuesday, June 10, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Samuel Wright, the National Director of Labor and Industry of the NAACP from Baltimore, Maryland and Roger Brown, Regional Personnel Manager of McDonald Corporation met on May 12, 1986 to make final plans for the upcoming Job Fair.

Invitations to the Job Fair have gone out to private industry, federal, state, county and city governments, asking them to come to the Job Fair seeking

candidates in the areas of their need. Food and drink will be served between the hours of 11 and 12 a.m. through the courtesy of McDonald Corporation and Coca Cola Bottling Company.

West Las Vegas Is Experiencing Double Recession

During the middle and late 1930s America went through an economic slump known as a recession. This period of time was given this name because millions of Americans were out of work or unemployed. Many of them were forced to stand in soup lines and wait to receive a bowl of soup. The rate of unemployment was 12 percent or in other words 12

percent of the nation was out of work.

Today Black adults living in West Las Vegas are unemployed at a rate higher than 25 percent. If something is not done real soon in terms of more employment this summer more than 50 percent of our Black youth will be without a job. So you see if the nation is in a recession when 12 percent of its citizens are unemployed West Las Vegas is experiencing a double recession.

Other Black Community Organizations Are Invited To Help

Someone once said that turn about is fair play, which means from time to time we are afforded the opportunity to help each other. This employment crisis is bigger than all of us. A community effort is required of all. Therefore WE are sounding out, invitations have been sent out to the following partial list of community organizations asking for their help in staging the June 10, 1986 Job Fair:

The Black Churches, Nevada Black Chamber, the Ministers Alliance, Operation Life, The Churches of God in Christ, The Methodist Churches, Poor People Pulling Together, The Black Social Workers, The Black Police Officers, The Black Fire Fighters (both county and city), Masons and Eastern Star, The Elks of the World, and the Black Educators.

If your organization is not listed, we need you too. Please call 646-1662.

Club One Hundred

Many years ago Dr. Claude Perkins came up with a fine idea in terms of raising funds to underwrite the cost of running NAACP Branch Operation.

Each member or friend of the NAACP is requested to make a donation of \$100 each year to the local Branch of the NAACP. Everyone who makes a donation of \$100 is entitled to a membership as a contributing life member if he or she desires and a ticket to the Annual Freedom Fund Banquet.

The following is the beginning list of donors for 1986: Minister Jesse D. Scott, Miss Hermanell Moody and Bishop E.N. Webb.

Remember to renew your NAACP membership for 1986 and to join us in the NAACP March for Human Dignity in South Africa and at home.

Send your membership to the NAACP, P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, Nevada 89127.

UNLV Commencement Exercises Set May 25

UNLV's 23rd Commencement is set for Sunday, May 25, 2 p.m., in the Thomas and Mack Center. Some 700 of the 1,343 students who completed their degree programs in August or December 1985 or May 1986 are expected to attend.

Undergraduate baccalaureate degrees total 1,021; graduate degrees, 218; doctor of education degrees, 7; specialist in education, radiologic technology, 18.

This year's commencement speaker is Harrison Salisbury, long-time New York Times reporter, Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent, and expert on affairs in Communist nations.

Honorary degrees will be awarded this year to Elaine Wynn, William Boyd, and Margaret Elardi. Distinguished Nevadan Awards will be presented to Florence Lee Jones Cahlan (posthumously), Herbert McDonald, and John F. Mendoza.

Wynn is chairman of the University Foundation. A major donor along with her husband, Steve Wynn, she established the Golden Nugget Scholarship program. She is a graduate of George Washington University and a 19-year resident of Las Vegas. Her involvement with charitable organizations includes work with Nevada Dance Theatre, Nathan Adelson Hospice, St. Jude's Ranch, and Opportunity Village. Much of her time is devoted to the Golden Nugget

Scholarship fund as treasurer, trustee, and administrator. The fund aids gifted high-school graduates. She will receive the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Boyd is a Las Vegas attorney and hotel-casino owner, a recent recipient of the Distinguished Nevadan Award, and a major financial supporter of UNLV. He is president of the Boyd Group of casinos in Las Vegas and Laughlin, and is a member of the Nevada Resort Association and the Downtown Progress Association. He has provided significant financial support to the Silver Bowl football stadium, now named for his father, Sam Boyd, and to academics in the College of Hotel Administration. He will receive the Honorary Doctorate of Law.

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interests would best be served by a system that raises more money than the present one, enabling vital domestic programs to be spared further cuts. That objective could be met by eliminating many of the loopholes that make our tax system unfair and favor those least in need of tax relief.

A second priority for low-income citizens is to end the taxation of poor families.

There was a time when basic deductions ensured that the poor would not be taxed directly. But today a family of four whose income is at the poverty line pays over \$1,200 in federal income tax and social security payroll tax.

Since many states piggyback the federal tax system, levying a percentage of the federal tax, they pay again on the state level. Meanwhile, whatever is left over goes for basics — and many of those items are again taxed through excise taxes or sales taxes.

So for all the cries about the need for tax relief, the people most in need of a tax break are the poor, whose limited incomes are often taxed at higher rates than wealthier people who benefit from the loopholes.

Tax reform is needed, but it should be real reform — the kind that makes the system fair and stops taxing poor people.

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