

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

CARSON CITY— The Nevada Employment Security Department, along with its state-wide Employment Service offices, is observing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The observance honors Nevada's employers, labor leaders, and workers with disabilities for their outstanding accomplishments.

According to the Americans

with Disabilities Act, 43 million Americans have disabilities. "State Employment Service offices attempt to help all registered applicants find jobs," said Stan Jones, Nevada Employment Security Department Executive Director. "But during National Disability Employment Awareness Month we want to give special recognition to individuals and employers who have excelled in providing employ-

ment opportunities to people with disabilities.

At this time we rededicate ourselves to improving our already excellent relationship with other agencies that help the disabled."

"When an able person with a disability comes into Employment Service seeking work we look at their ability and evaluate all existing opportunities with them," Jones said. "Our Em-

ployment Service staff refers them to jobs where they can use their abilities and become a powerful force in Nevada's workplace." Jones asks

Nevada's employers to contact their local Employer Service office of the Nevada Employment Security Department to learn how hiring disabled work-

ers can be a valuable manpower resource for any Nevada business. "Make hiring disabled individuals, including disabled veterans a high priority."

COMPLAINTS

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According to Del Mare, Kellup fired the first insult. "She instigated the incident," said Del Mare. "I heard her call the dispatcher a name. I did not hear the dispatcher call her a name. I told him to hang up because we don't have to take that," said Del Mare.



Foster grandparent, Lois Kellup, sadly explains her ongoing battle with the Economic Opportunity Board's transportation department, who provides bus service for seniors and handicapped riders.

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Kellup was a disabled senior, the E.O.B. bus service was not designed to take people to and from work on a daily basis.

However, Del Mare said that E.O.B. bus service is contracted to transport the foster grandpar-

ent out-of-pocket expenses for the service.

Although Del Mare brushed off Kellup's complaint, there have been a growing number of complaints about the E.O.B. bus service. The RTC, the full commission, heard this week a presentation of about a dozen complaints gathered by Alcinda Miller, a Las Vegas resident who gathered complaints from seniors and the handicapped who are physically unable or afraid to file the charges themselves.

In addition, U.S. Senator Harry Reid has written Louis Sullivan, Health and Human Services secretary about the E.O.B. bus complaints and is awaiting reply. A spokesman from Reid's office said the office would look into the possibility of getting a federal investigator to Las Vegas to look into the situation.

Currently, both E.O.B. em- (See Complaints, Page 20)

The E.O.B. transportation director said there was nothing he could do about her current complaint. "She must follow the rules like everyone else."

Although the Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County (RTC) accepts and attempts to resolve E.O.B. bus complaints, the commission refused to investigate Kellup's. "I think this is a dispute between Kellup and her employer," said Kurt Weinrich, RTC director.

But there was disagreement between Weinrich and Del Mare about Kellup's eligibility for service. Weinrich said although

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attorneys for LVABSE filed an appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, California. The appeal will be heard in court during the summer of 1993.

The outcome of this case will affect the education of all Black students in the Clark County School District and will have national implications.

Representing the plaintiffs in this lawsuit are Thomas I. Aikens, former General Counsel of National NAACP, from New York City; Peter Graham Cohn of San Francisco and Petaluma, California, former member of the NAACP's National Board of Directors; James Hardiman, from Cleveland, Ohio, with extensive national litigation experience in desegregation cases, and local attorney James Oran Porter. The President of Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators is Dr. Linda E. Young. For membership information contact Dr. John C. Bass at (702)799-8780.

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