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**LOCAL PODIATRIST ALLEGES DISCRIMINATION  
BY CULINARY UNION MEDICAL CLAIMS CARRIER**

By Muhammad Abdullah

In an attempt to draw the public's attention to a problem that is affecting his podiatry clinic, foot specialist, Dr. John Hill, informed the Sentinel-Voice of how his practice is being grossly affected by racial discrimination in acquiring "provider status" for Culinary Union 226 and other union patient claims.

Dr. Hill and his wife Rayne' Hill said that they have come across nothing but obstacles after making a decision to locate his practice in West Las Vegas.

They are located at 1100 North Martin Luther King Blvd. in Suite C.

Rayne' Hill owns Crown & Glory Beauty Supply Etc., which is located in the same shopping Center, two suites from the podiatry office.

Dr. Hill said that after three attempts to be included on the medical provider list, two responses indicated that Prime Health, Incorporated — the carrier for Culinary Local 226 — stated that they were completely full of claim providers and had a long waiting list. A third request — all of which occurred in a

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PODIATRIST, DR. JON HILL IN FRONT OF HIS MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD OFFICE

Photo by Paula Irons

**BLACK PUBLISHERS CONVENE**

The Black Press of America will hold its 1993 Annual Convention at the Sheraton Grande Hotel in sunny Los Angeles, California, June 23-27. The conference will focus on tools and messages to help black publishers capture more of their target market, and will have numerous Tinsel-Town activities too exciting to be missed.

Elections for major NNPA leadership posts will be held during this summer's convention and should have

the participation of all members who care about the organization's future and growth in the industry. There will be a Hollywood-style presentation of the annual NNPA Merit Awards as well as a "Salute to the L.A. Black Press" and presentation of the A. Philip Randolph Messenger Awards. Valuable panel presentations on managing toward, and improving, profitability of black newspapers will be a part of conference events.

**GLASS CEILING BROKE  
DEPUTY CHIEF/FIRE  
MARSHAL NAMED**

With the 30th anniversary of the first black firefighter being hired just around the corner, the City of Las Vegas made a historic step by selecting its first black Deputy Fire Chief in the department's history.

William "Bill" Young, now Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal for the Las Vegas Fire department, is a 22-year veteran of the Department, and has worked his way through the ranks since joining the department in 1971 as a firefighter.

Young most recently served since 1989 as a Battalion Chief. He was promoted to Fire Captain in 1982, prior to which he also worked in the training division for three years.

His new promotion, Deputy Chief, encompasses the complex fire pre-



DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF  
WILLIAM "BILL" YOUNG

vention field, however, with his diverse talents and background in fire (See Chief, Page 11)

**CONGRESSMAN BILBRAY MEETS WITH WEST LAS VEGAS  
LEADERS TO TOUR NUCLEUS PLAZA CONSTRUCTION SITE**

Congressman Jim Bilbray recently took time to meet with several West Las Vegas area business and community leaders at the construction site of the new Nucleus Plaza Shopping Center.

"It is important to me that I have opportunity to meet and talk with the leaders of the Las Vegas community," said Congressman Bilbray. "Meetings like this one help me keep abreast of the problems and concerns local businessmen and women must deal with on a daily basis. I will take what I learned here today back to Washington, D.C., and utilize it to make more educated decisions on issues that will affect the people of southern Nevada."

Among those attending the meeting were Rev. Davis; Mr. Lee Brown of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice; Mr. John Edmonds, owner of Nucleus Plaza Shopping Center; Mr. Louis Conner of KCEP Radio; and Rev. Jesse Scott, President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP. The group met for a roundtable discussion of topics critical

to the further development of the West Las Vegas area.

The Congressman said, "I am thankful these community leaders found time

to sit with me. Meetings such as this, with concerned community leaders help me to stay in touch with what is truly important to the people of my district."



Nucleus Plaza Shopping Center owner, Mr. John Edmonds, describes to Congressman Jim Bilbray his plans for the future of the Owens Avenue Center. Congressman Bilbray stopped at the construction site recently for a roundtable discussion of issues with West Las Vegas leaders.

**YOUTH IN ASSISTED HOUSING TO PARTICIPATE  
IN POSTER COMPETITION ON DRUG ABUSE**

On Saturday, June 26, 1993 young residents of government-assisted housing will gather at Carey Arms Apartments, 1717 McDonald Court in North Las Vegas, to participate in a poster competition on the dangers of drug abuse. The "Poster Day" is being sponsored by the Southern Nevada members of the Assisted Housing Management Association (AHMA); local suppliers, law enforcement officials and sports celebrities are bonding together in a community-wide effort.

Posters are submitted annually by children from K-12 grades who reside in AHMA-member complexes, interpreting a theme which always deals with drug abuse.

The poster competition is conducted under the auspices of the National Assisted Housing Manage-

ment Association (AHMA) and this is the seventh year that the local AHMA has participated with other organizations across the country. This year's theme is "I BELIEVE IN ME — AHMA DRUG FREE KID."

The posters, prepared by the children in Las Vegas, will be judged with other entries from throughout the Pacific Southwest, and twelve (12) winners will be selected to go on to the national competition. Local winners will be recognized and awarded prizes at a special membership meeting and everyone who submits a poster will receive a Certificate of Achievement. At the national level, fourteen (14) posters will be selected and made into a 1994 calendar, with the Grand Prize Winner receiving a all-expense paid week-for-two vacation in Wash- (See Youth Competition, Page 11)