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COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS PLAN UNITY CONFERENCE JULY 30

By Victor S. Ingram

A coalition of organizations announced plans to form a local community-based agenda on Tuesday, July 19. The coalition, which includes several organizations of predominantly African-American membership, will attempt to develop strategies at correcting social ills within the black community. National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression NAARPR president, James Tate, says the effort represents a united effort by organizations that never worked together in the past. He decried the local media for their lack of attendance at the press conference. "If this had been a shooting then every news media outlet in the city would have been here," says Tate. Only two media representative along with a handful of audience participants attended the press conference.

As spokesman for the coalition, Tate announced that the group would tackle: economic empowerment, political empowerment, and curing the ills of under education and drugs within the community. The announcement is the prelude to a local summit where concrete strategies will be developed, says Tate. Tate prefaced his comments by stating the group would welcome all who wished to join in the effort. "While the beginning of this effort is inclusive of the African-American community, it is



(L-R) Ta Shka and Ron Current of the Black Panther Party; Dr. James Tate, chairperson, NAARPR; Minister Duke X, leader of the Nation of Islam Mohammed Mosque #75; and Wendell Williams, president of the MLK Committee, say summit will bring unity to the community. Photo by Victor Ingram

in no way exclusive," says Tate. The impetus for the summit was a national summit held several weeks ago in which members of the national office of the NAACP met with the controversial Muslim leader Rev. Louis Farrakhan. "This is an idea whose time is here," says Tate referring to the local effort.

Ron Current, chairman of the local Black Panther Party, participated as a member of the press conference panel. The party originated in Oakland, California during the mid 60's and was made infamous for confrontations with local police which oftentimes lead to shoot outs. Locally, says Current, the group professes a nonviolent message

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COMMITTED 100 MEN TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS BANQUET

Committed 100 Men Helping Boys, a non-profit organization providing mentoring services to African American youths ages 7-13, proudly announces its "Third Annual Humanitarian of the Year Awards Banquet."

The event will take place Saturday, September 17, 1994 at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This year's recipient is Atty. Timothy C. Williams.

Atty. Williams is a partner in the law firm of Smith & Williams. Also, a member and past president of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association as well as a member of the Nevada State Trial Lawyers Committee.

His most important contributions to Southern Nevada has been and



ATTORNEY TIMOTHY C. WILLIAMS

continues to be his tireless participation in a wide range of humanitarian (See Committed 100, Page 12)

FORUM INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE LOCAL BLACK MEDIA

By Victor S. Ingram

KCEP FM 88.1 and the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Newspaper participated in a media forum on Monday, July 18. The forum was hosted by Lawrence Weekly, host of the community talk show "Straight Talk" aired weekly on KCEP radio station. The event was designed to provide a community forum for local African-American media, according to Weekly. KCEP and the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice both cater to the African-American listener and respective reader. "We wanted to clarify the purpose of black media and its function in the black community," says Weekly regarding the purpose of the event.

The theme of the event was altered, however, as the handful of audience participants steered the majority of their questions towards KCEP's programming, and administration, in addition to several complaints about the recent firings of on air personalities Regina D' Daniel and Darnell "D.B." Brown. The audience aimed an assortment of complaints at event panelist, Louis Conner, who was one of the station's representative at the forum. Conner defended the station against other stations which play a similar rhythm and blues format. He says these stations have motives that are strictly for profit whereas KCEP is exclusively community-based. "Their main function is to raise money, get rich, and go to the

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Straight Talk Host Larry Weekly (L), listens as members of the local black media (L-R) Willie Ramirez (Sentinel-Voice), Louis "L.C." Conner (KCEP), Lee Brown (Sentinel-Voice), Ramon Savoy (Sentinel-Voice), Mark Anthony (KCEP), and Sherman Rutledge (KCEP), field questions from audience.

Photo by Victor Ingram

KCEP Gets New General Manager

By Victor S. Ingram

KCEP 88.1 FM radio station welcomed Sherman Rutledge as the new general manager on Monday, July 18. Rutledge replaced outgoing manager Louis Conner, who resigned several weeks ago. Conner remains at the station, however, assisting with the transition. Rutledge comes to Las Vegas from El Centro, California. He has an extensive background in community service, outreach programs, youth projects, and television production. Previously, Rutledge worked with the Welfare Rights Program, a nonprofit organization similar to KCEP's parent company The Economic Opportunity

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NEW KCEP MANAGER
SHERMAN RUTLEDGE

ELECTION SURVEY RESULTS PRODUCE A FEW SURPRISES

By Victor S. Ingram

The results from the initial survey of candidates for the Las Vegas Sentinel Voice Newspaper have been tabulated. With exception of a few surprises, the results indicate African-American voters are very concerned about the barrage of election choices they will be forced to make in September. Notably, the survey was exclusively done for editorial purposes and is not scientific in its content. Readers were asked to send in their choices in some of the hottest political races of the season. Choices in the race for governor, sheriff, and district attorney were surveyed. Voters were asked about which races they felt



were most important; what the most important issues facing the African American Community are; how important was their ethnicity in determining political choices; how important is a candidate's track record in dealing

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