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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## SNCCW hosts its award luncheon

### Rep. Waters to offer keynote

By Tasha Pope  
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The Southern Nevada Coalition of Concerned Women will have their tenth annual charity luncheon on May 13 at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, located at 3770 Las Vegas Blvd. South. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. and will end around 1:30 p.m.

Last year about 250 people attended the luncheon and with the addition of entertainment this year, along with speakers and prizes, SNCCW members hope the attendance doubles.

"We're looking for 300 to 400 people this year," SNCCW president Debbie T. Mitchell said.

The keynote speaker will be California Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

She is considered one of the most powerful politicians and represents a large part of South Central Los Angeles, the Westchester community and the diverse cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Lawndale. She has spent 29 years in politics and is currently serving her eighth term in the House of Representatives. Prior to her 1990 election to the House, Waters served as Democratic Caucus Chair. She co-founded the Black Women's Forum, a nonprofit organization of over 1,200 African-American women in the Los Angeles area, among many other grassroots initiatives.

There will be vocal performances by Joanne Jennett and Tabitha Liggett. During a ceremony at the event, high school seniors will be awarded financial scholarships.

"We are very excited and proud [that we will be awarding scholarships this year]," Mitchell said.

SNCCW members are still in the process of selecting scholarship recipients and applications are still being accepted.

Mitchell said Waters was selected as the luncheon keynote speaker because of the "strong and effective contributions" she's making across the nation.

"We appreciate what she's doing. She works toward helping disadvantaged people in California and [across] the nation. [We feel attendees will be intrigued] when listening to her message," Mitchell explained.

Attendees also have the option to participate in a raffle for two plane tickets on Southwest anywhere the airline travels, and door prizes will be given.

The coalition was created in 1996 by Betty Brewer, Gloria Hewitt and Beverly Stewart. It was designed to afford women who were concerned about political, educational, legal, financial and social problems the opportunity to make a positive difference in their communities.

With joined efforts over the past ten years, SNCCW members have volunteered their services and held these fundraising luncheons to help finance organizations and programs across southern Nevada.

"[With this luncheon] we raise money for projects [we support throughout] the year. We support the Clark County Summer School Program, the Doolittle Community Center, the Martin Luther Community Senior Center... this past year we sponsored a hurricane victim family," Mitchell explained.

SNCCW recognized the urgency for supporting hurricane victims.  
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## Powell celebrates family

By John T. Stephens III, M.A.  
Special to Sentinel-Voice

The Civil Rights Movement during the turbulent sixties spawned many heroes and notable figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm and Rosa Parks to name just a few. But one stalwart figure that was a crucial component of the human rights era gets little attention and usually goes unnoticed.

Adam Clayton Powell Jr., born on November 29, 1908, in New Haven, Conn., was the first Black from the east coast to serve in the House of Representatives. Elected in 1945, by the people of Harlem, Powell used his na-



"Eisenhower (a Republican) has done more for Black people than any other U.S. president in history."

— Dr. Adam Clayton Powell IV

tional office to push the issue of segregation and was the foundation for 49 pieces of legislation that affected people of all races in the United States.

"He had such a powerful affect on all our lives," said

Jana Gordon-Pylant, a student of UNLV, who had just learned some history and interesting facts about the former Congressman of color with the Cab Calloway hair and Colgate smile.

The UNLV chapter of the

NAACP, in conjunction with the UNLV African-American Studies Program, Ethnic Student Council, UNLV Hotel Administration Diversity Department and the CSUN Leadership Advisory Board, sponsored "The Life and Times of Adam Clayton Powell Jr." on the university campus Moyer Student Union late last week. More than a hundred people poured out to see, hear and learn about the man called "Mr. Civil Rights."

Dr. Adam Clayton Powell IV, grandson of Adam Clayton Powell Jr., was the invited guest speaker to give the keynote address about his

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## North Las Vegas festival back

By Tasha Pope  
Sentinel-Voice

The City of North Las Vegas is hosting the fourth annual Tastes and Tunes Festival this weekend in front of the City Hall Building, located at 2200 Civic Center Drive between East Lake Mead and Las Vegas Boulevard North.

This event, which is free and open to the public, will run on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and continue

Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Last year the celebration drew about 28,000 people and this year, with the increased entertainment budget, organizers expect the number of visitors to increase.

"This year we have doubled our entertainment budget and we anticipate 35,000," Festival Coordinator Patrick Genovese said.

With two stages that will

offer a steady flow of musical performers, a Mexican Village, USA-sanctioned boxing matches, a wide variety of authentic foods, arts and crafts vendors and a carnival complete with a Ferris wheel and roller coasters, coordinators are striving to keep all festival guests entertained.

"There's a lot for everybody. It's a cross-cultural event. We're not trying to target one or two specific demo-

graphics. One of the things we are proud of is [the fact] that we get such an eclectic array of people to come out and mingle and socialize," Genovese explained.

The Bud Light True Music stage, sponsored by Budweiser, will be located near the entrance to the festival and serves as the platform for all the R&B and other groups. Other sponsors include, Centex Homes,  
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### THE REGISTRATION FILES

Debbie Conway, left, manager of business development for Clark County government, filed for the position of Clark County recorder on Monday. She hopes to replace the embattled Fran Deane. District 6 State Assemblyman Harvey Munford, right, files to retain his seat. Monday was the first day of filing. The deadline is Friday, May 12.

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