

### Tie Breaker Decides Miss Black Teenage World Pageant Title



TENITA JORDAN

The Raleigh, North Carolina Memorial Auditorium was the setting for one of the most exciting and dramatic finishes in the history of the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant when the M.C., Lawrence Garnelle Stamps, announced that there was a tie in the points between MBTW of South Carolina and MBTW of Virginia and that a tie breaking question would be required to decide the winner of the Pageant. Both young ladies would be asked the same question after drawing a number to see which would answer first. Miss Tannese Payne, representing Virginia drew number one and Miss Tenita Jordan, representing South Carolina, was escorted out of the auditorium while the other contestant answered the question, "Kindness is. . . ." After the judges scores were compiled, Miss Jordan was announced Miss Black Teenage World 1975 and Miss Payne First Runner-Up.

Miss Jordan resides in Columbia, South Carolina, attends the C.A. Johnson High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society; the Honors Chorus; and the Student Council. Miss Jordan's talent presentation was the popular "One Fine Day" from Act II of Madame Butterfly. She is the daughter of Mr. James and Mrs. Ruth Jordan of Columbia, South Carolina. Among her prizes is a Scholarship to Hampton Institute, each of the finalists received College Scholarships in the total amount of \$60,000. Miss Jordan was also the winner of the Outstanding Creative Expression Award.

Miss Payne, the First Runner-Up, is from New River, Virginia who performed an original monologue entitled, "The Evolution of the Black Woman In America."

Other winners included: Second Runner-Up, Angelo Garret, MBTW of California; Miss Robin Pulliam, Third Runner-Up, MBTW of New Jersey; Fourth Runner-Up, Miss Crystal Hodges, MBTW of District of Columbia; Fifth Runner-Up, Miss Yolanda Stevenson, MBTW if Arizona. Miss Bridgette Bethel, MBTW of Nassua Bahamas was selected Miss Together. Miss Yolanda Stevenson, MBTW of Arizona won the Miss Talent Award with her portrayal of "Miss Jane Pittman."

The Pageant was produced by Pageants Unlimited, Inc., with the contestants being hosted by Saint Augustine's College. Eastman Kodak, Johnson's Products, Flori Roberts and Pageants Unlimited presented prizes to all of the Finalists.

### Nevada 10th in reduction of traffic deaths

Nevada has placed 10th in the nation for its reduction in the number of traffic deaths from 1973-1975 according to figures recently released by the National Safety Council.

The figures, covering the first six months of 1975, also placed Nevada 18th in the nation for its drop in traffic fatalities this year compared to 1974 alone.

The Nevada Office of Traffic Safety reports there were 91 fatalities through June, 1975 compared to 93 last year --a 2.2 per cent reduction. The 1975 total through June also represents a 27 per cent drop in traffic deaths from 1973 when 125 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the first six months of the year.

The Office noted that the reduction occurred "despite a three per cent increase in traffic deaths across the nation this year and an increase in automobile travel in Nevada".

The National Safety Council report entitled, "Motor Vehicle Deaths and Changes" also ranked Nevada second among the 13 western states for fatal accident reduction from 1973 to 1975. Nevada placed fourth among the western states for this year's drop in traffic deaths over 1974.

Nevada finished 1974 with a mileage death rate (deaths per 100 million vehicle miles) of 5.15. The Nevada Office of Traffic Safety was awarded a special \$193,750 incentive grant earlier this year by the U.S. Department of Transportation for the continuing decline in the state's mileage death rate.

### Library goes to homebound citizens

By dialing 733-7810, homebound citizens of Southern Nevada can avail themselves to a wide range of library materials. Books, magazines, newspapers and cassette tapes will be mailed by the Library Extension Services Department directly to the home of anyone who cannot come to its facilities.

Large print books (in type twice the regular size), braille books and talking books covering many areas of reader curiosity are also available to the homebound library user.

There is no charge for the delivery of these materials and arrangements can be made for their return by calling 733-7810, extension 003.

### Santini to speak at UNLV

Congressman James Santini will be the guest speaker at a special one-day Citizen Involvement Workshop, Sept. 13 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The workshop, which will focus on the issues that face America in its bicentennial and great decisions that will affect this country's future, is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education at UNLV and the Clark County Bicentennial, Lila P. Zona, chairman.

The workshop is open to the public. Santini will be the

guest speaker at 12:30 p.m. luncheon in the Moyer Student Union. He will give a report on the actions of Congress.

The day-long program begins at 9 a.m. in the Student Union with Nevada's part of a nationwide dialogue about the United States--what it represents how it has developed and where it is headed.

### Articles Sought On Nevada History

Articles on Nevada History are being sought from writers in the state for inclusion in the Official Bicentennial Book scheduled for publication in January of 1976.

Authors can be either amateur or professional, according to Editor Stanley W. Paher. "We're looking for previously unpublished articles and illustrations," Paher said, "of early explorers and emigrants, the first settlements, 19th and 20th Century mining booms, and on Nevada during the depression and modern growth period."

The publication, which is considered one of the state's largest Bicentennial projects, will contain approximately 500 pages with over 185 vignettes dealing with the past, present and future of Nevada.

Bicentennial Commission Vice-chairman John Cahlan described the book as "one of the most important projects yet undertaken by the Bicentennial Commission."

"It will, for the first time in one single publication," he said, "tell the complete story of our state." "What we are looking for," he said, "are the unusual, little-known stories. I'm confident that there are many writers with such stories--yet unpublished--who will want to have them included in this historic work."

Interested authors may contact Paher at Box 2808, Las Vegas, or by calling 457-2271.

### Cannon seeks solar energy research in Nevada

Sen. Howard Cannon today asked Gov. Mike O'Callaghan's assistance in attracting a federally sponsored solar energy research project to Nevada that by 1980 is expected to be budgeted at \$50 million a year.

Cannon advised the governor that the Energy Research and Development Administration plans to publish criteria for site selection of such a project by the end of September. Presentation of evidence from interested parties will begin mid-January, he said.

"Solar power is an inexhaustible and non-polluting source of energy," Cannon said. "Bringing such a research project to Nevada would provide jobs and could greatly help in America's battle for energy independence."


Cannon suggested the formation of an ad hoc recruitment panel comprised of community representatives to organize data on the advantages of locating such a facility in Nevada.

"Previous surveys indicate several impressive locations in Nevada compatible with solar research, including excess to government land, favorable average cloud cover and exceptional annual mean sunshine hours," Cannon said.

He added that The Aerospace Corp. of El Segundo, California recently conducted a study of 20 areas in the Southwestern United States that were suitable for location of solar thermal pilot plants. "They found that among those 20 areas, Las Vegas had the highest annual mean sunshine time, at 3,838 hours."

Cannon suggested the formation of a solar research recruitment panel to be charged with developing the necessary technical, geographic and economic data as the basis for a presentation to the Solar Research Institute Committee when the site selection competition begins.

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