

## Ford Praises Wilkin's Birthday

President Ford called Roy Wilkin's 75th birthday "a landmark in the history of equal rights and equal opportunity in our society."

The Presidential tribute to the veteran leader of the NAACP came in a letter dispatched to an affair at the New York Hilton. The event honored Wilkins on this 75th birthday and raised funds for the special contributions fund for the NAACP. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, who attended the glittering event, read the Presidential message.

"Your 75th birthday is not only a milestone of personal significance to you, your family and friends," the President wrote, "It is a landmark in the history of equal rights and equal

opportunity in our society."

The Presidential message, offering "warmest congratulations" to Wilkins, cited his lifelong dedication to the well-being of Black Americans, which "has earned you not just their affection and respect, but the enduring admiration of countless citizens of this Nation and abroad."

"Thanks to you, the greatest phase in our Declaration of Independence -- that 'all men are created equal' -- rings truer now than ever before in the daily lives of our citizens," the President wrote Wilkins.

**Wishing...**  
doesn't make  
it so!  
Birth defects  
are forever.  
Unless  
you help.

**March of Dimes**

## NEWSNIGHT #10

KLVX, Channel 10, public television in the Las Vegas and Clark County area, will premiere their new news and public affairs program Friday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., 'NewsNight 10.'

The new Friday-night special will precede the prestigious MacNeil/Lehrer Report, also a recent new addition to KLVX programming.

The show will cover Southern Nevada and surrounding state news in depth which directly affects local viewers. Hank Tester and Lee Winston will co-anchor the program which is in keeping with the new PBS accent on "Theme Nights," with Friday news programs. KLVX and other public television stations also carry a special version of ABC Evening News at 11:30 p.m. captioned for the hearing impaired.

The Nevada Legislature will be covered extensively in early 1977 on 'NewsNight 10.'

## community singing

Starting October 30, the North Las Vegas Neighborhood Center is adding Community Singing to their many faceted agenda. It will be strictly a social occasion where one can come out, and meet their neighbors, start new friendships and enjoy singing. Most of us like to sing, but are too timid to try it alone or our voices are a little weak. Here's your chance to sing familiar songs we all enjoy. Come on out! Tell us what you like! There will be one community sing at least once a month.

## Admission to the Nevada State Bar

Formal admission ceremonies for candidates who have passed the 1976 Nevada State Bar examination was held this week in Las Vegas and Reno, according to Chief Justice E. M. "Al" Gunderson of the Nevada Supreme Court.

The Las Vegas ceremony was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Federal Building at 300 Las Vegas Boulevard South. A barbecue for the new attorneys and members of the Clark County Bar Association was followed at Mike Hines' ranch at 5300 West Sahara.

# The only way to get over is to vote.

Black America has paid a high price for the vote. From the un-kept promises of reconstruction, to the violence that threatened voter registration of the 60's, Blacks have filled history pages with pleas, confrontation, and finally struggle to win their franchise as American citizens.

Now, as a result of voting power, Blacks have become a viable political force in America. The 1970's have witnessed the



Nikki Giovanni

election of numerous officials on every level of government. Blacks have won mayorships in many cities. And, perhaps the most significant of all achievements, the creation of one of the most important congressional powers in history. The Black Caucus.

It's a fact of American life that real change



Willie Stargell

in terms of politics only comes through voting. Whether it's getting a bill through Congress, or having the sanitation department do a better job at collecting the garbage. It's the people you put into office that make these things happen because they represent you and your willingness to shape your environment.

People like Willa Benge, Community Relations Specialist for the Gulf Oil Corporation; Ossie Davis, Actor/Director; Willie Stargell, one of Baseball's greats; and Nikki Giovanni, Author and Poet, urge you to vote. They are all influential in their own right, and their knowledge of the American system has helped them get over. But when it's time to make a personal political statement, they vote. Do you?



Willa Benge



Ossie Davis



Gulf Oil Corporation.

Because it's human energy that really counts.