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Dear Editor:

I wrote you a note from here last week and thought that everything would be alright. Having been in Mexico many times, it was unbelievable to me that the Mexicans were every discriminatory. They do not like nor do they want Black people to live in their country. I have been trying to rent an apartment for most of the time that I have been here. There are vacancies and they are slightly expensive. But their expensiveness becomes prohibitive when I ask to rent one. It is comic and yet unbelievable that the Mexican would come to the United States and take jobs that are Black in color. Yet act so bigoted here. I have had similar experiences in Cuernavaca, but thought that it was an isolated attitude due to the money that pervades Cuernavaca. The ironic part of the situation is that the perpetrator of discrimination against me is a dark-skinned girl.

I wrote to the President of Mexico about this, but do not expect anything from him because he expressed his desire for the Mexican to come to the United States, to work, regardless of how he gets there.

Sorry our candidate lost the City Attorney's job. I too think that Sloan is 'No Good!'

Yours truly,  
Robert L. Hawkins

#### SEARCH FOR MISS BLACK TEENAGER OF LAS VEGAS

The 3rd Annual Miss Black Teenager Pageant of Las Vegas is now in progress with a total of twenty-three contestants. Girls from local high schools will be participating in the pageant from ages 15-17.

This year's Pageant is being sponsored by The Links, Inc. Las Vegas Chapter and co-sponsored by the Clark County School District S. O. U. L. Clubs.

Tickets are on sale at Larry's Sight and Sound, The Religious Emporium, The Marion Bennett Youth Program, Sunrise Travel Club and The Las Vegas Voice Newspaper.

For further information contact Ms. Darryl Lynn Bell, contestant coordinator at 648-7450 or 648-7452. The pageant will be held at the Convention Center, June 25, 1977. Only your support and participation can make the event a success.

#### JUST THE FACTS

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names and addresses are recorded in official state and county records. But why doesn't the state make they do something to help this area? A lack of interest.

Next legislative session, two years from now, let's hope that our state representatives, whoever they may be, for I am sure that there will be a few changes judging from last session's performance, will answer these questions and present legislation to get the West Las Vegas out of this stymied position.

But still two years is a long time to wait. Maybe the community is beginning to realize that we are not being represented as we should be. Lack of concern is our problem, or so they say, but even that saying is getting old.

Blacks made up 11 percent of the U.S. population in 1976 and totaled 24.2 million.

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#### S.C.L.C. ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 20th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be held August 16 - 19 in Atlanta, Georgia, the city where the S.C.L.C. was born. The Convention will be headquartered at the Atlanta American Hotel.

This Convention will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the founding president and the remaining active founders of S.C.L.C., Dr. David Abernathy, Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth of Cincinnati, and Rev. C.K. Steele of Tallahassee. The major business of importance will be the selection of S.C.L.C.'s third president. Dr. Abernathy who succeeded Dr. King in April, 1968 resigned the presidency in February of this year. Dr. Joseph Lowery, Chairman of S.C.L.C.'s Board of Directors is acting-president until such time the convention chooses the third president.

The theme of the S.C.L.C. Convention will be Human Rights. The S.C.L.C. program with regard to human rights at home as well as abroad will be discussed. Human Rights as regards unemployment housing and injustice within the American system will be discussed as will Black on Black crime. The 20th Convention will be a time of coming together, or harambee, for the present and former S.C.L.C. Staff members.

Among guests to address the convention will be President Jimmy Carter, Ambassador Andrew Young, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, and other national religious, social and political figures.



#### SPEAKS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Cranford Crawford was speaker for the joint meeting of Community Ranch for Boys and Operation Independence Monday night, May 16, at Sierra Nevada Arms pre-school center.

Mr. Crawford is Program Director for Protective Services of the Clark County Juvenile Court. In his speech he emphasized the need for helping youngsters to think well of themselves, to feel that they are important to the people around them and that they have a place in society. He stated that most every juvenile in trouble feels something of neglect and he or she is unimportant to others. Mr. Crawford believes that love and real concern on the part of parents is more important than any luxuries given to their children.

These two groups have joined their efforts to promote training programs for children and the study of methods for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

A series of workshops with different speakers are planned. If interested, phone 647-1790 for information.

# NAACP

A big 'thank you' Las Vegans, comes from the NAACP Membership Committee for the way you came on for the Sunday Membership Radiothon and Rally.

You kept the KVOV line humming with questions and comments about NAACP during the whole two hour period on the air and came out more than 500 strong for the rally at Woody's place and Larry's Sight & Sound.

Memberships are still coming in and with this kind of enthusiasm, that, 500 member goal should be reached before the 1979 deadline.

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Sunday kick-off. 'More and better coming soon', says Sarann Knight, NAACP Membership Coordinator.

#### PRIDE OF THE WEST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

To all Churches, Pastor, Members, and Visitors you are invited to the Pride of the West District Association Memorial Service Monday, May 30, 1977 at 7:00pm Second Baptist Church, 1209 North 'E' St. Las Vegas, Nevada. If you have any relatives or friends you would like us to memorialize on this Memorial Day, please give the information to Moderator Rev. S. P. Parks, 1404 Helen Avenue, 648-2576, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030 on or before May 24, 1977. The public is invited. We expect to see you there. Pride of the West District Association Moderator Rev. S. P. Parks and Addie Reid Blake, Finance Secretary.

#### BLOOD DRIVE

The Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Nevada Blood Service will sponsor a community blood drive at the Boulevard Mall on Friday, June 3rd.

Plan to donate the gift of life at the Mall between 12:00 noon and six p.m. physically handicapped holds first annual awards banquet

#### FUR AND LEATHER COAT SALE FOR EASTER SEAL SOCIETY

FURS! FURS! AND MORE FURS! and let's not forget about the hundreds of leather coats and jackets all being sold at ridiculously low prices at the Sahara Space Center now thru June 1st. This fund raising event is being sponsored by our local Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Due to the generous donation of a national fur and leather company this event will enable people to buy fur and leather goods at prices that are affordable to everyone, for examples - men's leather blazers that ordinarily sell for \$250 are being sold for \$79, which are of the finest quality.

The Easter Seal Society maintains two treatment centers one of which is located at 2915 E. Sunrise Avenue and the other in Reno. Both centers are fully staffed with highly qualified therapists who treat numerous conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, and arthritis, to mention a few. These services are free to any person who cannot afford this type of treatment. Therefore, in order to carry on with programs, fund raising events such as this fur and leather show bring much needed revenue. So come on down to the Sahara Space Center now, and get a bargain and at the same time help. The sale will run thru June 1st and is open til 12 midnight. For more information call 382-2994.

#### PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED FIRST BANQUET AND ART FAIR

The Las Vegas Department of Parks and Recreation Services, Lorenzi Park Specialized Recreation Center for the Physically Handicapped announces its First Annual Awards Banquet and Art Fair Saturday, May 28, 1977.

Festivities will begin at 12:00 noon and run until 8:00 p.m. with clowns, balloons, art exhibits, awards, games, contests, refreshments, and more. The Awards Presentation will begin at 5:00 p.m.

For more information please contact the center supervisor, Richard Juillerat, at 386-6358 noon to 6:00 p.m.