

From Our Readers

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The NAACP general membership meeting will be held Sunday, June 11, at 4:00 p.m. in the Economic Opportunity Board's Day Care Center, 1818 Balzar Avenue. Delegates will be chosen for the NAACP National Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 2-7.

Dr. W.C. Patton, NAACP National Director of Voter Registration and Voter Education will arrive in Las Vegas June 15 to participate in the local branch's Voter Registration Drive.

NAACP President, Dr. James B. McMillan announced the National office is extremely interested in the local political scene and will offer substantive support to the Las Vegas Chapter's Registration and Get-Out-The Vote campaigns.

Bob Bailey, Chairman of the local Chapter's Voter Registration Campaign said he has furnished Dr. Patton with all requested information pertinent to total population in the City of Las Vegas and the County of Clark as well as percentages of Blacks registered against total eligible Black voters in the County.

I am a newcomer to the Westside area. When I came, about six months ago, I had trouble finding a place to live that I could afford. Therefore I read your paper, in hopes that someone would advertise a house for rent. I became very interested in your editorial and began to attend community meetings, hoping to get involved. However, I became very confused; I attended several community meetings and NAACP meetings assuming that all community people were for improvement of the Black area for better housing, jobs etc. I found two different groups that were into what they said is economic development. Well, let me tell you, I came from Los Angeles and was there during the riots and I heard about all the federal monies that was supposed to have been put in the Watts area. I started out attending meetings and trying to get involved in the upgrading of the area and people. Believe me, I have witnessed some of the same problems this community is having now and I saw what could have been good destroyed by the so-called leaders. Watts had an elected official such as the Black Senator that did not agree with anything whether it was for the betterment of the people or not, and saw several groups fighting each other until both were destroyed and the city took over; the Welfare Economic office in the old hotel is a good example of what you can expect for the future growth of the black people. People such as Reverend Albert Dunn that preaches that he started economic development and more welfare for the Black people, if he did all those things then why is he tearing down something he put together? For him to make remarks that he makes, he is really confused; that is not the way for economic development for the people. He and the Senator did a good job with the welfare program, but it is time for all Black people to work together and not fall into the trap the people of Watts did.

The people in the community should not let this happen any longer, the people should ask why and not sit back until it is too late. I intend to let my voice be heard and heard loud and clear, I do not intend to sit any longer, and wait for the leaders to do something about this; what I have learned the

leaders seem to be a part of the problem, so we the people of the community cannot expect the leaders to correct the wrong because they are the wrong-doers.

I am good and mad about an article I read in Sunday's Review Journal. I hope this man is put away soon, before he hurts us all.

Lessie Johnson
(a newcomer)

TABAT
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ternational news as the Judge of the World's Heavyweight Championship fight between Muhammad Ali and Leon Spinks. Lou is also a National Golden Gloves, National A.A.U., U.S. Junior Olympic's, and a U.S. Olympics National Trail boxing Judge. He is also Treasurer of the A.A.U.

Constable Tabat is retired from the United States Air Force, a veteran of 20 years service. He served in World War II, and the Korean conflict as well as being a veteran of the Berlin airlift. He has flown a total of 4600 flight-hours in his service time and was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base for 10 years.

Tabat has lived in North Las Vegas 25 years. He has been in business in North Las Vegas for over ten years and while in business was selected to be President of the Businessman's Association for four years.

Tabat says that if he is re-elected he intends to continue his work to do bigger and better things for the Community.

Tabat's favorite project always has been to work with the Senior Citizens to help them in time of need where-ever and when-ever he can.

In April of this year Constable Tabat helped sponsor the 1st "All Indian Pow-wow" at the Horseman's Park. Indians from forty states, and Canada, were in Las Vegas representing 72 Tribes. Next year's 2nd Annual Pow-wow will include an All Indian Rodeo.

The Constable, since being in office, has also organized the Southern Nevada Constable & Lawman's Association, of which he is President. The purpose of this Association is to raise money in cases of Emergency to support Law Officer's families.

Lou's hobby . . . in sports . . . as a boxing Judge . . . has found him judging a total of 463 bouts including Professional and Amateur fights. His respected knowledge as Judge has found him involved in bouts including names such as Muhammad Ali, Leon Spinks, Ron Lyle, George Foreman, Ken Norton, Victor Galindez . . . and Jerry Quarry . . . among many others.

Constable Lou Tabat is a man's man . . . and a very popular one.

BENNETT
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Bennett serves on the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, is chairman of the board of the Nevada Economic Development Company, chairman of the Westside Development Commission and serves on the Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council and United Way.

He received the "Outstanding Young Man of America" award in 1971, and the Michigan House of Representatives "Outstanding Citizenship Award" in 1972.

Other community activities include the chairmanship of the Marion Bennett Youth Program, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee, Board of Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, former president of the Las Vegas chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, member of the Clark County Social Concern Committee and member of the Methodist Foundation of Southern Nevada.

The 41-year-old Democrat lives at 1911 Gold Hill Way.

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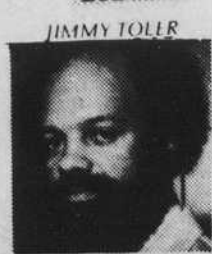
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