MICHELLE ROSS, MISS BLACK

TEENAGE NEVADA,

Michelle Ross, an 18 year old graduate of Western High School, has been crowned Miss Black Teenage Nevada for 1978, in a pageant held recently at the Las Vegas Convention Center Annex. She succeeds Yolanda Brooks to become the fourth annual queen for this, the most prestigious of Black pageants in Nevada.

Other contestants placing high in the pageant include: Pat Britton, first runner-up, Jackie Jones, second runner-up, Donna Dunlap, third runner-up and Vicki Tyler, fourth runner-up.

A total of sixteen contestants representing nine Clark County School District high schools and Gorman High, a parochial school, entered the pageant. They were judged in several areas including; sportswear, eveningwear, talent, creative expression and projection.

Co-masters of ceremony for the pageant were Ms. Verdia Turner, Assistant State Director for the pageant, and Ray E. Willis, Information Officer for the Clark County School District.

Pageant State Director Al Brown, who is also Human Relations Coordinator for the Clark County School District, termed this year's pageant a total success. "We have

progressively gotten better over the pastfour years since we started putting on these pageants", he said, "and the future holds great promise for continued success." Brown said the original concept for the Black pageant grew out of the need for a special vehicle for exposing Black talent. "In the past," he said, "It was very difficult indeed for our Black students, because they felt unable to compete in pageants which weren't geared to their form of expression". Brown added he felt the poise gained by contestants in the Miss Black Teenage Nevada Pageant is an example of what a community-wide effort can

In addition to trophies, scholarships and awards, the new Miss Black Teenage Nevada will, for the second year in a row, become a contestant in the Miss Clark County Pageant, whose national counterpart is the Miss America Pageant.

The pageant is co-sponsored each year by the school district and Students of United Love (S.O.U.L.) clubs in each of the high schools. In addition, this year, the Marion Bennett Youth Program served as a co-sponsor.

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July meeting of NAACP will not be held due to National Convention and vacations. Watch for notice of August meeting, when political candidates will be present.

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VOTER REGISTRA-TION INFOR-MATION

NN PA Workshop

July 19th is the last day on which filings will be accepted for candidates for public office.

July 19th is also an important date to remember because that is the last day for a registered voter who is registered with one party, for the purposes of voting in the Primary Election under the new party registration.

Voters who are registered as Non-Partisan may change their registration to affiliate with a party at any time up through the Close of Registration for the Primary Election on August 12th.

Friday, June 30th is the last day that a candidate seeking public office through the petition method may file such petition with the Registrar of Voter's Office. Candidates filing for an office that requires a political affiliation by petition method will appear only on the General Election Ballot, and will be listed as an Independent Candidate.

If there are any questions concerning either candidacy or change of political affiliation, contact the Clark County Election Department at 382-4982, and they will be happy to answer any and all of your questions.



The "Impact of Pollution on Minority Communications" was the theme of a regional workshop for the minority press in San Francisco by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), under a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This workshop was the first of several to be held in metropolitan cities across the country.

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