

DR. McMILLAN JOINS "DRAFT KENNEDY" DRIVE IN NEVADA

Dr. James B. McMillan, local dentist, announced this week that he, along with Attorney George Foley and Richard Pyes, will head the Nevada campaign to draft Senator Edward Kennedy for President.

Long active in Democratic politics, Dr. McMillan said that, like many Democrats, he fears that President Carter has lost the trust of the people and that if he is the Party nominee, Democrats will lose the Presidency to a Republican in the 1980 election.

Dr. McMillan who has been in the practice of dentistry for more than 20 years in Las Vegas is also, presently, serving his second consecutive term as President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP. He had also served a previous term as President of the local NAACP branch.

Dr. McMillan emphasized that his involvement with the "Draft Kennedy" push is in no manner to be construed as a Kennedy endorsement by the nation's oldest civil rights organization. To the contrary, Dr. McMillan pointed out, "The NAACP is a non-partisan organization and rarely endorses candidates for political office." He said the NAACP's political involvement is confined to issues and has been a powerful lobby for legislation for the needs and rights of people throughout the years, but only when a candidate for office holds a philosophical viewpoint which is inimical to the goals of the organization does the NAACP make known its opposition to that candidate and, possibly, its support for the candidate's opponent. Such was the case when the NAACP supported Lyndon Johnson's candidacy against Senator Barry Goldwater.

Dr. McMillan also noted that Senator Kennedy is a proponent of the basic philosophy of the Democratic party which is no longer usual with Democratic candidates who seem to have forgotten that the Democratic Party was the "party of and for the people".

BLACKS MUST CONTROL THEIR OWN COMMUNITY

Community News

BLOCK GRANTS DISCUSSED BY WEST LAS VEGANS

A standing room only crowd gathered at the office of the Westside Community Development Commission Tuesday evening [September 4] to make recommendations for spending more than \$2,000,000 in Housing and Urban Development funds allocated for Las Vegas for the 1979 - 1980 fiscal year.

Hud funds are earmarked for blighted areas to make them both livable and attractive.

A great majority of those in attendance recommended that at least \$100,000 be allocated for clearance and demolition -- that sidewalks and street lights be installed throughout West Las Vegas - that more Day Care Centers for children of working mothers be established - that more signal lights be placed at busy Westside intersections -- that there be a continuation of the Westside Community Development Commission's "Home Repair Service" program for low income and handicapped seniors, and that there be more funds earmarked for home loan repairs.

The area of Las Vegas designated by Hud for Block Grant funds includes that section of the City bounded by North Eastern Avenue on the East, Charleston Boulevard on the South, North Highland on the West, and West Carey Avenue on the North.

In the past, Block Grant funds have been used to install street lights, sidewalks, and in Vegas Heights, streets as well as street lights....Also expenditure has been for the renovation of the old Westside School, a landmark in the city.



MISS BLACK TEENAGE NEVADA HAPPY AS A LARK IN COLLEGE

Susan Collins, winner of this year's Miss Black Teenage Nevada pageant, is "pleased as punch" with everything about Howard University where she enrolled August 11, according to her mother, Mrs. Nate Collins of the Economic Opportunity Board's Head Start program.

Mrs. Collins said that her daughter told her parents that going to college is everything she ever dreamed it would be.

Susan apparently is one dreamer who works to make her dream a reality. Al Brown, Clark County School District's Human Relations Coordinator, reports that she determined to enter the pageant after witnessing a friend win it the year before last.

Brown remembers Susan talking about her friend's happy victory and commenting that being in the audience when a friend wins a beauty contest can be a mixed blessing. She said it is thrilling to see a friend chosen number one, but, there is always the thought, "I wish it was me."

Yolanda Brooks was Susan's friend who became Miss Teenage Nevada in 1977 and Susan promised herself that as soon as she was old enough she would enter the pageant. This year Susan did join the pageant and the rest is history. On the first night of the competition, she easily won the talent segment of the contest with her rendition of "Home" from The Wiz. The following night Susan appeared in evening wear and demonstrated her pose and ability to speak extemporaneously.

"I had one minute to explain if I felt the gas shortage was a reality or a false alarm," Susan recalled. "I

said that I thought it was a false alarm created to jack-up the price of gas. Then people would have to buy it no matter what the price."

As this year's reigning Queen, Susan was called upon to make several public appearances. All of the contestants were invited to join Susan in an escorted trip to Los Angeles to see the Miss Black Galaxie pageant. The three-day August excursion included a side trip to San Diego for sight-seeing.

The \$500.00 scholarship Susan won was applied to her tuition at Howard University in Washington, D.C. where she is matriculating in Communications and Journalism. Publishing her own magazine is one of Susan's future career goals.

Susan was an honor student at Valley High School and worked summers as a cashier at the Collins Beauty and Barber Supply Co., and the Las Vegas Heights Market, two establishments owned by her father, Nate Collins.

Susan plans to return to Las Vegas in October to attend the Black and White Ball which will be given in her honor.

NORTH LAS VEGAS JUDGE KEEPS PROMISE: "TOUGH, BUT FAIR"



Judge Gary Davis has recently appointed two black fee service warrant officers. Blacks now have a judge in office that they can talk to, and who treats all people equally. No longer are blacks faced with the anxiety that their testimony does not carry the same weight as non-blacks.

The Municipal Court of North Las Vegas now starts "On Time" and long recesses have been eliminated, thereby expediting justice with no unnecessary delays. Judge Davis has established a policy of extending defendants reasonable time to pay their fines upon being found guilty or entering a plea of guilty. The judge states his objective is "Equality of Justice, regardless of color." He has kept his campaign promise of "Tough, but fair."

Residents wishing to make further recommendations should call Richard Blue at City Hall - 386-6462.

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U.S. ATTORNEY MUM ON LARRY TARVER CASE

A VOICE reporter drew a blank this week in an effort to learn the status-quo of the Larry Tarver case. Tarver was shot and killed by two Metro police officers on Saturday, June 23, 1979 at approximately 8:15 a.m. in front of his home in North Las Vegas. A County Grand Jury absolved the officers of any wrongdoing.

It has been learned a complaint was filed with the Justice Department and that a federal investigation has been underway. Asked if and when there would be a Federal Grand Jury investigation of the case, U.S. Attorney Mahlon Brown's terse reply was "I won't talk to you about that."