

Gladys Knight Rejoices Over Disco Fadeout

While the country was flipping over the disco craze, Gladys Knight and the Pips played it cool feeling that it was a fad that was doomed to die an early death.

"One thing we are fortunate about is that during the disco fad, we didn't get heavy into that and stayed self-contained," said Gladys. "You still see Gladys Knight and the Pips with our little rhythm section, our little crew — the same people we have had. We didn't want to hire 15 more people just to carry all of that extra big disco equipment."

Gladys said she and the

Pips shunned disco music because the fad had hurt the record business. "They stopped selling records; people stopped buying them," she related.

With the disco craze cooling & the songs about love in vogue, she says, "I feel the kind of songs and the kind of music we make will be around a long time."

Gladys Knight now lives in Las Vegas and while not on the road, spends considerable time at the recording studios of Ashford and Simpson, in Los Angeles. The talented musical team is considered by many to be



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among the tops in their field. The Atlanta-born quartet, comprising Gladys plus her brother, Merald (Bubba) Knight, and cousins William Guest and Edward Patten, worked with the Ashford-Simpson team when producing their new album, ABOUT LOVE.

June Whitley Seeks UNLV Regent's Post

June Whitley, a resident of Las Vegas since 1959 and the mother of three children, has announced her intention to seek election to the seat she now holds. She was appointed to the University of Nevada Board of Regents by Gov. Robert List in September 1979 to serve out the term of Regent Brenda Mason. Her current term expires in November.



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Whitley is employed at Centel. She started as an operator and has worked her way up to the present

position of assistant customer services

manager. She has been employed at Centel for the past 17 years.

She is married and has three grandchildren. June Whitley has been very active in the Clark County School System as an advisor to the Human Relations Office and is a past president of the Frank F. Garside Junior School P.T.A. She is also a member of the NAACP, the American Business Women's Association and the Nevada Voters League.

Klan Considers Black Man

Tom Metzger, Ku Klux Klan state leader said last week in Sacramento, Calif. that he may name a black person to fill a Democratic Party post-a perogative he won with nomination for Congress in San Diego's 43rd

District. In response to charges that his candidacy represents an attack on black people, Metzger said:

"There's a distinct possibility that I will appoint a black to the cen-

tral committee, but it's not a black that's been bought and paid for like most of the white politicians."

He is a 42 year old self-employed Fallbrook television repairman.

New Ethnic Group Set

A new coalition of four district racial groups formed a business-oriented organization in Los Angeles designed to further minority enterprises.

Formation of the new group was announced last week and headed as the Federation of Minority Business Associations. Members represent blacks, Asians, Latins and Indians.

The group was formed to contribute to the growth of minority business associations, collect and disseminate information about minority businesses, and act as a liaison with private industry and the federal

government. According to spokesman Jose Calero, the group wants to help members to get additional contracts for supplies and services from traditional non-minority industry by providing technical and marketing assistance.

The group will also call for tougher guidelines to keep so-called "front" businesses out of the mainstream of minority business.

Members of the new group are the Black Business Association; Asian Businessmen's Association; Latin Businessmen's Association and United Indian Development Association.

EOB Not Affected By Cuts

"Are you running an empire" was one of the questions raised with David Hoggard, the Economic Opportunity Board's executive director, when appearing on KLAS-TV's "On The Record" last Sunday.

"Of course not" was Hoggard's response as he went on to report that the funding for EOB for Clark County should not be affected by the national economic showdown & the pending federal budget cuts of social programs.

Hoggard said the agency receives a major portion of its yearly federal funding from the Community Services Administration. He said the EOB operates on an estimated \$5 million yearly budget.

About \$400,000 comes from the CSA, and the rest from state, Clark County and the four cities in the country and the balance from private donations.

The anti-poverty program, which operates about 20 social programs, plans to embark on some profit-making ventures in the near future to help it become more financially independent, Hoggard said.

Park Hours Extended

Visitor schedules for state parks in Southern Nevada have been expanded for the summer months, according to Roy Orr, district manager for the Southern Region.

Mike Pierson, supervisor for Spring Mountain Ranch, said the park's visitor center will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday through Monday throughout the summer. Pierson said picnic areas will be open daily from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

He also announced plans for activities in-

cluding a presentation of "Camelot," ethnic dance demonstrations, a musical variety show weekend and Woody Owl Children's Festival.

Spring Mountain Ranch is in Red Rock Canyon Recreation Lands, 15 miles west of Las Vegas via West Charleston Boulevard.

Floyd Lamb State Park, located 10 miles north of Las Vegas off U.S. 95 (Tonopah Highway), is open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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