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## Alex Thomas Heads Ebony Insurance Agency

Although it is but a year old, the Ebony Insurance Agency is a fledgling and growing business enterprise and the community is proud.

Why is it proud? First, it was founded by an experienced black insurance man who brought to the Las Vegas area a vast amount of insurance expertise and a man who is involved and concerned.

Alex M. Thomas opened the Ebony Insurance Agency here during October, 1979 in

association with Bill and Alice Lynwaller and he is the principal stockholder.

Thomas' experience dates back from 1960 when he was hired as an agent with the Mammoth Life Insurance Co. in Kansas City, Mo. In two years he advanced to assistant manager, moved up to District Manager in 1965 and supervised a staff of 25.

He received a number of sales and performance awards including the 1967 "Manager of the Year" award while in Kansas City.

Between 1968 and 1973, Thomas was Vice-President with Earl Baker & Associates in Kansas City, an independent insurance agency.

In 1973, he continued to make his mark when he opened his own agency, Alex Thomas & Associates, Inc. There he represented three major insurance companies, marketing and servicing all lines of insurance, dealing heavily in commercial lines and bonds.

He sold the firm in 1977 and moved to Las Vegas where he worked with Leavitt Insurance for a year.

The main objective of Ebony Insurance Agency is to place and service insurance for minority

## NAACP ELECTION DEC. 20 EXPECTED TO BE LIVELY

It's definite! The election for the local chapter, NAACP, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The election date was verified at the general membership meeting held Sunday at the Economic Opportunity Board Day Care Center.

Dr. James B. McMillan, chapter president, presided at the meeting and clarified procedures that would be used in setting up the election process. Many of the details were outlined by the national office since the normal election dates here were delayed due to challenges within the membership.

The election will be held on Dec. 20 at the local chapter office, 1040 W. Owens from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The extended time to 7 p.m. was set by the membership to accommodate members who would be working during hours originally set.

McMillan indicated that only paid-up members would be eligible to vote—those who had paid their dues 30 days prior to the election.

Individuals nominated for office were (in alphabetical order): President, Lovell Gaines and Sarann Knight Preddy; Vice President, Rev. Sam Roberson; Treasurer, Sherman Hatcher and James Tyree, and for Secretary, Sylvia Harris.

For the Executive Board, the names submitted were Mary Aderhold, Ruby Amie, Gwen Brown, Verdia Davis, Rev. Willie Davis, Ida Gaines, Ruby Garland, Alfred Gleghorn, Otis Harris, Dr. James B. McMillan, Jesse Scott, James Shipp and Dr. Thomas Wilson.

The entire election process will be handled by the Election Supervisors: Elmo Alderhold, Marjorie Elliot, Thomas Hughes, Lubertha Johnson and Robert Nelson.

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