## Southern Nevada's blacks look to Republicans

By BOB PALM **SUN Staff Writer** 

years the term Republican has been a dirty word to many blacks because they saw it as the political party of the rich fatcats but in the black community of West Las Vegas more people seem to be embracing the Republican philosophy.

The proof of that is not that an overwhelming number of blacks have been beating at the door of the Republican Party, but the mood among leaders and organizations in the community.

That mood is being cultivated with tender loving care by members of the state Republican Party, such as state Chairman Marilyn Gubler, who said she recently had a very successful meeting with members of the Minister's Alliance.

Gubler said, "We've been working for a long time trying to develop a relationship in the black community. There are a lot of black ministers who are Republicans, and they tell how excited they are about the party.

Gubler said blacks have a lot of influence compared to their low population.

She said the state has 50,959 blacks, and all but 4,000 of them live in Clark County. She said there are seven counties that don't have any blacks at all.

However, Leonard Mason, a member of the Clark County Republican Central Committee and the former campaign manager for Commissioner William Pearson, said blacks have traditionally been

what's important," a blacks didn't even know reference to the symbols of the two parties.

Otis Harris, project coordinator of the Minister's Alliance, said the Republican Party's philosophy is one of self determination, while the

were there until the shackles were cut off.

There are no firm figures just how many Republicans there are in the black community, but Mark Dorsten, executive director of

Registrar of Voters George Ullom said he does not have any figures on how many black Republicans there are in the county, but the few there are seem "to stay hidden in the closet - for

Otis Harris

them.

trend

some reason you don't see

identifiable black leadership,

about 25 have switched to

the Republican Party in the

Mason attributes the

political turnabout among

blacks, in part, to "a serious

change in the black leadership, which highlights

a new black conservative

in the last election in the race

He said that was indicated

past year and a half.

Mason said in the

for Senate District 4 by incumbent Joe Neal and newcomer attorney David Phillips, where the faction led by former Aseemblyman Lonnie Chaney and members of the Black Chamber of Commerce "lined up across the ballot box from a coalition of Republicans, conservative Democrats, black ministers and the Mormon church leadership.'

"took Neal from an edge of

Mason said most of the

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'All of these people honored have given the most valuable commodity there is, time," said Lee. "It is because of the time and energy they have devoted to experienced and better-

than the left.

with Gov. Richard Bryan, a group of ministers stated to me I can look forward to being their brethren in the same party, and as a member of the Republican Central Committee, I assume they meant the Republican

Supporters award presentation will be

He said that coalition

12 years of seniority in the state Senate and an 80 percent popular vote in the primary to a squeaking 500vote victory over the conservative Phillips. Look at the Pearson race for commissioner against Lonnie Chaney. With the same lineup and a more financed campaign against him, Pearson outdistanced the old liberal left Democrats by a 9,000- to 2,000-vote margin.

officials elected in the last election "lean more to the right of the political spectrum

"After a recent meeting

hosted by the Friends of

past year has seen tremendous growth, according to Danny Lee, Chairman of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees, who will be presenting the awards.

library development that we have been able to grow.

The newly consolidated Las Vegas-Clark County Library District is presently in the throes of a building program that will triple library space over the next three years. Included in the building plans are a new central library that will house DISCOVERY



Marilyn Gubler undercounted in the country,

and that holds true in Clark

The Rev. Ted Cuveston,

president of the local chapter

of Operation PUSH, said,

'The Republican Party is the

way to salvation on earth for

blacks. The Democratic Party

has made welfare recipients

out of many blacks and has

Cuveston said blacks have

begun to realize "it's not

whether you ride a jackass or

an elephant, the direction is

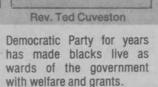
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taken blacks for granted."

County.







Harris said, "Blacks have more self determination under the Republican philosophy. You can be all you can be, but the Democrats have been giving us handouts with handcuffs and our wrists tied.

"Among thinking people, more are embracing the Republican philosophy. They are lifting restraints that

the Clark County Republican Party, said as of late 1984 there were 851 registered Republicans in Assembly District 6, one of two primarily black Assembly districts in the community, as compared to 4,309 registered Democrats, and 208 Republicans in the other District, No. 7, where there were 5.674 Democrats.

Leonard Mason

In Senate District 4, which encompasses both districts, there were more than 1,050 Republicans, and 9,983

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are Sarah Honorees Besser, Bill Briare, Bob Coffin, Bob Craddock, Stan Colton, Thalia Dondero, Helen Foley, Jean Ford, Steve Francis, Jim Gibson, Tom Hickey, Marvin Leavitt,

Nancy McGroarty, Joe Neal, Bob Price, Jim Schofield, Marvin Sedway, Mark Tratos, Randy Walker and Diana Wilson.

The theme of the award presentation and reception, which takes place during the joint conference of the Mountain Plains Library Association and the Nevada Library Association held in Las Vegas this year, is "Come Maet Our Friends." The reception following the

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