

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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Your Vote and You

In Nevada we are about to enter into another political season. In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon the wisest man who ever lived wrote that there is a time for

everything. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the sun. In Verse 2 of Chapter 3, Solomon states that there is a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time

to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; and a time to breakdown and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away; a time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.

A Time For Black Southern Nevadans To Register & Vote

The NAACP and other political groups will be attempting to register every eligible Black citizen to register and learn about the issues that will be on the ballot and to go out and vote on election day. I'm told that there are twenty thousand or more Blacks who are

potentially eligible to vote and only about six thousand of the ten thousand who are registered actually vote on election day. Blacks are one of the poorest voting groups in Southern Nevada. Many Blacks say why should they vote, because the politicians are going to do what they want to do anyhow. Still others say that their one vote does not count. History proves to us that there have been many elections won or lost by one vote. Excuses about not feeling well or being tired, not wanting to leave the job or no babysitter or transportation are all excuses. Just a few years ago in the South, we either had to pay poll taxes or we couldn't vote at all because we were Black. Remember all excuses are first cousins to lies.

U.S. Senate Race in Nevada Draws National Attention

The newspaper whose motto is "All the news that is fit to print," The New York Times, wrote in its Sunday, March 30, 1986 edition that the nations' eyes are on Nevada's U.S. Senatorial Race. Political prognosticators are saying, considering the leading contenders representing the two major political parties, the race is too close to call. The crystal ball gazers are telling us that both parties, Democratic and Republicans are going to bombard Nevada with their big guns from around the nation. Even our local newspapers are chronicling this U.S. Senate contest as one of the most interesting one of this century. Needless to say, Nevada is proud to receive this kind of attention in addition to its

entertainment and resort attractions. Now we are told that there is a good likelihood that there will be a series of debates highlighting the main issues in the campaign. May the best man emerge triumphantly.

Only If We Black Nevadans Were Politically Sophisticated

We would prayfully submit a short and long range Black agenda to each leading contender of each party. An agenda of what it takes to make West Las Vegas and all Nevada viable and productive for Blacks as it is for Whites. If the Senate race is going to be close then our vote will be more than the balance of power. This time let's not settle for a few promises that are not kept, a few jobs or a few bucks. Why not consider voting for the highest bidder no matter what party.

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Ebony Fashion Fair Set For Las Vegas



L-R: Irene Parker, General chairperson; Ruby Garland, Basileus and Teola Williams, Ticket chairperson.

The annual spring 1986 Ebony Fashion Fair will be on tour in Las Vegas Sunday, April 6. The show, sponsored by Ebony magazine in conjunction with

the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Aladdin Hotel.

The theme for this year's tour is "body language," which will emphasize

sculptured clothes, nipped-in waists and form-fitting designs in fashions by European and American designers.

The Ebony Fashion Fair, now in its 28th year, is considered the world's largest fashion extravaganza of its kind. The show stars 12 models, 10 women and two men, who will make approximately 250 changes during each show.

The fashion fair will feature creations from such leading designers as Yves Saint Laurent, Christian Dior, Bill Blass, Willi Smith, Bob Mackie, Giorgio Sant' Angelo, Fabrice, Mario Valentino, Lancetti and Geoffery Beene.

The Ebony Fashion Fair began in 1958.

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