

# RENO HAPPENINGS

## Ebony Fashion Fair Thrills Reno

By Verita Black

On April 23, for the first time, Reno area audiences experienced the Ebony Fashion Fair. The show highlighted more than 200 garments from the exclusive collections of famed designers such as Halston, Stephen Burrows, Bill Blass, Christian Dior, Yves St. Laurent, Lanvin, Chloe, Lancetti, Andre Laug, Valentino, Tita Rossi and Missoni.

Although the fair is a first for Reno the Ebony Fashion Fair is in its 28th season of showing haute couture to audiences around the country.

The famed traveling fashion show is produced by Ebony Magazine and is sponsored by the Reno-Sparks chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women. All proceeds from the show will benefit the chapter's scholarship fund.

The garments, along with the latest accessories, 10 female and 2 male models, commentator, music director, stage and business managers and wardrobe staff, travel from

coast to coast. Because of the demand for sponsorship of the show by charitable organizations around the country, Ebony Fashion Fair now tours two seasons — appearing in more than 177 cities.

Etta Francis, general chairperson and president of the organization, says the show will help their goals to help prepare disadvantaged youth for the future by providing monetary assistance in the form of scholarships upon high school graduation. The Reno-Sparks chapter has given 17 scholarships over the past 12 years.



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## Black Leaders In Reno

This series of articles on Black people in Reno I hope is enlightening. The people being discussed are leaders in their own right. By leaders I mean people who take initiative, follow through, are honest and reliable. They probably hold or have held important offices and are respected by their peers.

Lucille Adin is such a person. She has been in Reno since 1962. She is married to Leonard Adin and they are parents of four children. Lucille was President of the Reno-Sparks Negro Business and Professional Women's Club from 1980 to 1985. The group regularly awards about ten scholarships per year worth close to \$800. Students on these scholarships have attended Truckee Meadows Community College and the University of Nevada-Reno. Some graduates of UNR who have received such scholarships are Sharon Ledette and Gino Osborne. Speakers at the NBPWC Scholarship Banquets read like a list of Who's Who among women in Washoe County. The Club sponsored the Ebony Fashion Fair at the

UNR Lawlor Events Center on April 23. The Club first requested the show at Lucille's insistence in 1979. Finally seven years later the show came to Reno for the first time. The Club also has an annual black and white ball which is the social event of the year.

Mrs. Adin has been the Western District Treasurer since 1983 which includes clubs in California and Nevada. She is a regional vice president of the State PTA and is President of the Sierra PTA Council and the Reed High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association.

Mrs. Adin was born in Florence, S.C., grew up there and graduated from a local high school called Wilson High School. She attended and graduated from Central Business College in Newark, New Jersey. She is the oldest of five children. Her dad passed away when she was six years of age. Her mother eventually remarried. The family attended Trinity Baptist Church in Florence. She attended Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Newark. There she met and married Leonard.

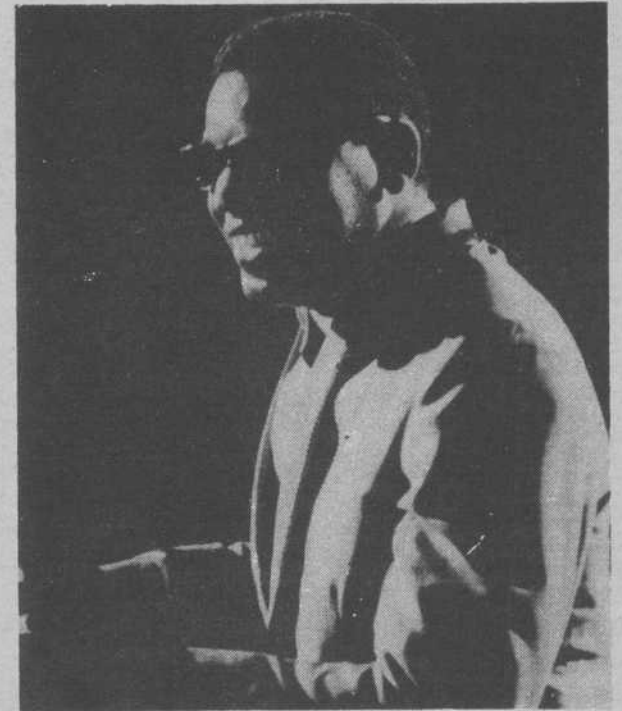
## Charles still making musical magic

### Concert Review

By JOHN TRENT  
From UNR Sagebrush

Genius is not a dime-a-dozen thing. It's a very special word reserved for

"Seven Samurai." Like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sky hook. Like John Updike's short story, "A and P." Like a Ray Charles concert on a



Ray Charles

very special people and things.

Thank God for true genius. Like film-maker Kurosawa's

When the City of Sparks tried to raise the School zone speed limit to 25 mph, Lucille circulated a petition which influenced the City Council to retain the 15 mph speed limit. When the Greyhound Corporation wanted to build a bus station too close to an elementary school, she appeared before the Sparks City Council on behalf of the PTA. She received the Community Service Award of the NBPWC of Reno in 1980. She is a member of Sparks United Methodist Church and is a member of numerous boards and committees including the Northern Nevada Martin Luther King Advisory Board. Lucille works as a parttime Clinical Aide at Agnes Risley Elementary School.

The Reno-Sparks NAACP TV program will now be aired at 12:30 p.m. Saturdays by KOLO-TV Channel 8.

Saturday night.

Brother Ray? His concert Saturday night at Lawlor Events Center, though justifiably restrained, was something to behold. Playing before 3,500 dignified, well-dressed people, Charles displayed the talent that has led everyone from Frank Sinatra to Leonard Bernstein to Wall of Voodoo's ex-lead singer Stan Ridgway to proclaim Raymond Charles Robinson a "genius."

Charles played for little more than an hour, covering 10 songs with the help of the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra. Dressed in an Elvis-like gold jacket, eyes hidden behind the customary dark glasses, Charles bobbed, weaved, hissed and sizzled his way into the audience's heart.

At 55, Charles showed the zest and energy of a man half his age. During a jazzed-up version of the Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby," Charles, seated at his piano, kicked his feet gleefully into the air and grabbed his stomach, See CHARLES, Page 14

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