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weakness and all the prejudices against my fellow man. . . Give God my soul. . . If by chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever." **GOOD NITE SWEET PRINCESS, QUEEN OF THE DESERT.**

SHOW BIZ BITS — Trump may have the Palace, but Harrah's got the king when Sammy Davis, Jr. is on stage of the posh spot of "The Other Atlantic City." It's big theatre was packed double shows the wk'long nites "Mr. Showman" was stage host. He is undoubtedly the ultimate pro. His uncanny audience insight is beyond comparison. He is a joy to the

ears and an experience to the eyes . . . Revella Hughes celebrated two major events July's final Sunday. Her 91st b'day and Howard U's 69th class reunion day. She was in the class of '17 and majored in piano and minored in violin and voice . . . Brian Dellow cannot understand it, but is happy he was the victim. The Sammy Davis Jr.'s security person's Hartford hotel room was burglarized during the Greater Hartford Open. Guess the thug thought he also guarded "Mr. D's jewelry . . . Alfreda Robinson was a stop-over from the Virgin Islands for a visit with friends. She took the round-about jet in from St. Croix enroute to Miami and a date with a doctor . . . Leola Edwards was in from the big state, Texas, for the

latest on the Count-Catherine Basie will case . . . Sandra Hollingsworth, Mayor Jim Usry staff and Resorts Int'l teevee personality and Vanessa Williams have picked up roles in the upcoming Warren Beatty directed flick, "Pick Up Artist."

WRITE CHATTER - After eight years at the helm Stanley H. Smith resigned as president of Shaw University. It is alleged that the move was prompted by a "no confidence" vote of the faculty senate in his ability to aid the institution through a financial crisis. In June the U.S. Dept. of Education cut off financial aid to Shaw because it had defaulted on more than a million dollars in federal loans. In addition IRS had hit the institution with two liens in excess of

\$740,000. . . Further north Morgan State is the legal target of ten ex faculty members. They are suing to bare charges that they were laid off in violation of federal desegregation guidelines. Callaloo, the journal devoted to Afro-American and African writing and art, has moved to the University of Virginia after nine years at the University of Kentucky . . . Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote has hit the serious side of the lecture circuit. Ruth Bowen, the world class theatrical agent, is now booking the former assistant housing sec'y Fair Housing during the Nixon administration

Somebody has done Aretha Franklin wrong putting out that story about her canceling her July 23-26 swing at Radio City Music Hall. If as threatened the matter goes legal, the Hall may be going to a lot of expense to discover that the "Queen of Soul" just may not have been contracted for the dates after all . . . Booker Griffin is straight ahead with "Slam Dunk," his Pan African co.



Aretha Franklin

production. Jim Brown, the pigskin great is listed as director and star of the outfit's introductory flick. The lovely Vonetta McGee is cast listed along with Beverly Todd and Ola Ray . . . Illinois Jacquet will spend most of this month celebrating the 45-ann'y of his "Flying Home" solo, the Lionel Hampton theme trade mark. Jacquet and his big band will be doing it all in Paris where the N'Orleans native will be

honored litterly through wine and song. Cotes de Saint Mont, will commemorate the event by putting his name and picture on their label

. . . Now Jack the Rapper warns if you come to the '86 Family Affair without proper credentials you will be asked to let the door hit ya where the good Lord split ya . . .

STAY LOOSE . . . Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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West Las Vegas Coalition Meeting Successful

By H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald
The Las Vegas Chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute's first coalition meeting drew a standing room crowd recently in West Las Vegas. With the theme "Register To Vote and Get Out and Vote for the 1986 Primary and General Elections," speakers addressing the meeting included Ron Martin, Field Representative AFL-CIO Region I, Norman Hill, National President of APRI, Leon Lynch, Vice President AFL-CIO, Vice President of United Steel Workers AFL-CIO, Green Lewis, Assistant Director of Organization and Field Services of AFL-CIO, and Howard Richardson, Vice President, Hotel and Restaurant International Union.

Amos Knighten, and Doris Femenella encouraged the more than 35 attending the meeting to register to vote before midnight, August 2 in order to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 2. Doris Femenella reported that of the approximately 31,000 residents in Assembly Districts 6 and 7, less than 10,000 are registered to vote. She also stated that voters may now register through the West Las Vegas

More blacks hold elective office

WASHINGTON — The number of black elected officials at all levels of government increased last year, yet blacks held only 1.3 percent of the nation's 490,000 elective offices, according to the Joint Center for Political Studies.

The center, a think tank on black issues here, said blacks held 6,424 offices at the end of 1985 compared with 6,056 at the beginning of that year, a 6.1 percent increase, with gains occurring in every region and every type of office.

Two important "firsts" in 1985, the center said, were the election of L. Douglas Wilder as lieutenant governor in Virginia, the first time since Reconstruction that a black won a major statewide office in the South, and the election of Alyce Clark to the Mississippi legislature, the first time a black woman has won such an office in that state.

Of the 6,424 elected blacks, 1,483 are women.

Voter Contact Office located at 1312-B North F Street by calling 647-0086 and request that a Deputy Registrar be sent to their home, at a time that is convenient to the voter.

Black Public Administrators Eye Las Vegas For National Conference

Las Vegas, Nev. — Some forty Board of Directors, and Chapter presidents of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators convened in Las Vegas recently to discuss vital issues of concern to the organization; among them, whether or not to hold a future convention in the "entertainment capital."

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, in the hope of influencing a favorable decision, sponsored a VIP reception, at the Dunes hotel, for NFBPA officials.

Among the local dignitaries attending the gala reception were: State Senator Joe Neal, County Commissioner William Pearson, State Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Clark County School Board Trustee, Yvonne Atkinson and Judge Addeiar Guy.

Verla Davis, President of the Las Vegas Chapter of NFBPA, said one of the goals of the organization is to increase opportunities for personal and professional development of its members.

The prestigious national conference attracts from 600 to 1000 attendees.