

Juneteenth Celebration Planned

The community is invited to participate in the "JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION" Friday, June 19, 4:30 p.m., at Doolittle Recreation Center. Included will be bid whist, spades, dominoes, tonk, and backgammon competitions and a Professional Black Firefighters (Clark County vs. Las Vegas) Basketball Game. Bring family, friends, and refreshments for your heritage picnic.

"JUNETEENTH" celebrations originated in Texas for the purpose of clarifying and educating the public regarding the misconception that the Emancipation Proclamation freed all slaves.

Issued on New Year's Day in 1863, the proclamation freed only slaves in the secessionist southern states, excepting West Virginia and parts of Virginia and

Louisiana. It did not apply to slaves in the North or in the border states of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri. The proclamation satisfied abolitionists and enabled Union forces to enlist secessionists' slaves (by 1864, the Union forces had gained 130,000 black soldiers, sailors, and laborers).

Abraham Lincoln opposed slavery, but called the proclamation "...a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing rebellion..." not an humanitarian edict. Many slaves escaped to the North; many were liberated as Union troops advanced. It was not until the Thirteenth Amendment took effect on June 19, 1865 that slavery was abolished.

For event information call 386-6374 or 384-3884.

Black Public Officials Plan Major National Meeting Before '88 Elections

By NNPA News Service

(WASHINGTON, DC—NPA) — Plans for a national convention of some 1,000 top black elected and appointed officials just before the official start of the 1988 presidential campaign were disclosed here in the District of Columbia this week. Officials from all political parties will be invited in the non-partisan effort.

The conference, officially termed the Fifth National Policy Institute will involve all black elected and appointed officials from throughout the nation. Conferees will develop political strategies, discuss public policy issues, and explore the problems of governance as they relate to

the Black community, according to the announcement.

Scheduled for January 20-23, the four day summit will be coordinated by the National Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political Studies, an independently funded, black political "Think Tank". The Center's Institute program grew out of the fourth National Policy Institute of public officials in 1984, said Eddie N. Williams, JCPS president.

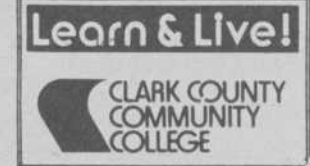
Speaking on behalf of the sponsors of the event, Williams said "the deliberations of the nation's black elected and appointed officials will make a valuable contribution to the presidential election process." The conferees will meet a little over a month before the major Super Tuesday Primary of all southern states in March, 1988.

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Downtown Transportation Center Will Officially Open June 27

The City of Las Vegas' downtown transportation center officially opens on Saturday, June 27, as the new transfer point for Las Vegas transit system riders. Buses will arrive and depart from this new, centrally located and convenient facility located at Stewart Avenue and Casino Center beginning at 5:15 A.M. Riders will be able to take

city trolleys to downtown destinations, leaving every five minutes from the downtown transportation center, which will be open from 5:15 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. daily.



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ACT-SO Finalists On the Way to NYC



The ACT-SO Committee and Rev. Jessie Scott at the ACT-SO Awards Program held May 5th at Kit Carson Sixth Grade Center. Lt to RT, Rev. Jessie Scott, Anika Johnson, Johnnie Simmons, Lorine Egans and Dr. Bernard Hamilton.

The Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Committee would like to extend a proud congratulations to the six finalists of the local ACT-SO competition. The six finalists and their respective categories are: Bridgett Davis - Poetry; Timmy Jones - Biology; Andrea Powell - Music/Vocal; Stacey Simmons - Dance; Gabrielle Smith - Drama; and Cassandra Virgil - Music/Instrumental.

These six talented students are on their way to New York City, July 3-7 to represent Las Vegas in the National ACT-SO Competition to be held at the New York

Sheridan Hotel. Again, we congratulate these students on their accomplishments

and wish them the best of luck in the National ACT-SO competition.

NOTICE

The Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County (RTC) has established a goal of 10% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and 3% for Women-Owned Business Enterprise to furnish services under its UMTA-assisted transportation programs. The plan establishing these goals for FY 1988 is available for inspection at 230 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments for informational purposes only, will be accepted at the above address until July 1, 1987.

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