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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

TEN LOCAL "UNsung HEROES" TO BE HONORED BY BLACK JOURNALISTS DURING L.V. CONFAB

"Civilization, institutions and people are held together by a few simple ideas and a commitment to the ideals and dedicated community involvement that benefit the majority, while providing for the uniqueness of individuals..." This belief is the principal basis on which ten local "Unsung Heros" were selected to be honored by the Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists during the 1993 Western Regional Conference at Bally's Casino Resort beginning April 23rd.

The ten "Unsung Heroes" will be acknowledged on Friday, April 23rd at the historical landmark, Moulin Rouge (900 West Bonanza Road) at a *Community Welcome Reception*, which is being sponsored by local businesses on behalf of the African-American journalists from 15 western states who will be meeting in Las Vegas. The event will begin with no-host cocktails at 7:00 p.m.; with dinner and entertainment at 7:30 p.m. Invited to officiate are: Senator Joe Neal, Assemblymen Wendell Williams and Morse Arberry, Jr., Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates, Councilman Frank Hawkins, and Mayor Pro Tem Theron Goynes representing the City of North Las Vegas. Local and national business and media leaders, as well as entertainment celebrities are also expected to be in attendance.

The Las Vegas Association of Black Journalists will present this year's "Unsung Heros" awards to: Greg Akins for his work with young black men; Linda Porter for working with young black women; June F. Whitley, regent

for public service; James S. Tate, Jr., M.D. for his contributions in law enforcement; Carolyn Cornelius, M.D. for contributions in health care; Laverne C. Ligon, creative director for SIMBA for contributions to cultural and theatre arts; Irma Brooks for education; Sammie Armstrong for business and economic development.

And, for their roles as "pioneers" in the black community, retired Chief Larry



JUNE WHITLEY



LARRY C. BOLDEN

Bolden (individual award) and The Fordyce Club (group award) will receive special honors.

The honoring of local, dedicated citizens is consistent with the objectives of the national organization and its Nevada chapter (LVABJ). The Conference theme: "The Griot and the Drum — A Proud Past/A Noble Future" de-

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"LIVING THE FANTASY 92/93"

If there ever was a year of fashion fantasy, this certainly is it! Daydream no more-

The 35th Annual EBONY FASHION FAIR presents Living The Fantasy '93 sponsored by GAMMA PHI DELTA SORORITY, ALPHA RHO CHAPTER. See the best and the newest American and European fashions created by world-famous designers and worn by beautiful EBONY models.

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Proceeds from the show sponsored by GAMMA PHI DELTA SORORITY, ALPHA RHO CHAPTER will go to COMMITTED 100 MEN HELPING BOYS.

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AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN FAVOR OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN STUDIES TAKE TOUR OF MOUNTAIN

Getting a first-hand look at the Yucca Mountain studies was the primary goal of the 25 members of the newly organized "African-Americans In Favor of Yucca Mountain Studies" when they joined 252 other Nevadans Saturday, March 27, on the Department Of Energy (D.O.E.) monthly public tour of Yucca Mountain.

"The openness of the program is as-

tonishing," said Helens Chisolm, AAIFYMs Vice President. "I've always been told DOE won't answer questions about their work, but the scientists on this project answered all our questions and volunteered information I would never have thought to ask."

Despite the heavy clouds and chill wind, the group traveled in vans to the top of the flat ridge that is Yucca Mountain, approximately 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, for a general overview of the volcanism, hydrology and geology studies being conducted there.

Later, a general overview of volcanism, hydrology and geology studies and a tour of the sample management facility and hydrologic research facility completed the tour.

As Ed Watson, president of the African-Americans for the Study Of Yucca Mountain, put it, "Touring the Yucca Mountain facilities, observing the quality of equipment and procedures and talking with the scientists who are actually doing the studies is very reassuring. It makes you realize the technology does exist to determine a suitable

site for storing the waste, and DOE has hired scientists who know the technology. Now if Nevada would be able to put their trust in the final results of the scientists, John Q. Nevedan would be able to put their trust in the final results of the science that is being conducted. If you are against the studies...take this

tour."

Watson is a member of the Nevada Nuclear Waste Study Committee Advisory Board and he is excited about potential benefit opportunities for West Las Vegas, Las Vegas, and southern Nevada. Our Congress originally of-

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NAACP EXPECTED TO NAME HOOKS' REPLACEMENT

A search committee is expected to recommend a candidate this week to be the new leader of the NAACP, a newspaper reported late last week.

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson is among the four finalists to replace the Rev. Benjamin Hooks as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sources told The (Baltimore) Sun.

The other candidates are: The Rev. Benjamin L. Chavis Jr., 45, executive director of the Cleveland-

based United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice.

Jewell Jackson McCabe, 47, a New York management consultant who is founder of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Earl R. Shinhoster, 42, director of the NAACP's regional office in Atlanta.

The NAACP board's search committee is believed to have interviewed the finalists recently in Indianapolis and submitted its recommendation to the full 64-member NAACP board.

NEVADA STATEWIDE 2/93			
Do you believe that Nevada should open a discussion with the federal government to explore what type of benefits Nevada can receive while the study of Yucca Mountain goes on or that Nevada should not even begin a discussion with the federal government to discuss benefits?			
	open discussion	not begin	don't know
ALL AGE	77	19	4
18-24	84	15	1
25-34	81	15	4
35-49	77	20	3
50-64	75	23	2
65+	71	20	9
PARTY			
Democrat	75	21	4
Independent	81	14	5
Republican	78	19	2
IDEOLOGY			
Liberal	78	20	2
Moderate	77	19	3
Conservative	75	19	5
EDUCATION			
HS or less	82	16	2
Some College	73	21	6
College Grad	75	22	3
RELIGION			
Mormon	79	13	8
Protestant	79	19	2
Catholic	79	17	3
INCOME			
Under \$20,000	84	11	5
\$20-29,999	72	26	3
\$30-39,999	78	16	7
\$40-49,999	76	21	3
\$50,000+	77	21	2
COUNTY			
Clark	79	17	4
Washoe	67	30	3
rest of state	82	13	5
RACE			
White	76	20	4
Black	100	0	0
Hispanic	70	25	6
SEX			
Male	78	19	3
Female	76	20	4

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