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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Whites keen on race privileges

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - While many White Americans recognize that they enjoy certain privileges over other races, nearly half of them believe governmental institutions are color-blind and don't contribute to those privileges, according to a new "Whiteness" survey released by researchers at the University of Minnesota.

"The assumption has been that Whites didn't see or understand the privileges they might have that go along with race," said Doug Hartmann, an associate professor of sociology at the university and the study's co-author.

"And there we have pretty high numbers. Sixty percent or upwards of Whites see the way that prejudice and discrimination and family upbringing and access to schools creates advantages for them. That's surprising to a lot of left-leaning type scholars who assume that Whites didn't get that," he said.

Although more Whites are starting to understand the advantages of being White in America as a group, they are less aware of it than other racial groups, the study said.

The study reported that 46 percent of Whites "agreed that laws and institutions play an important role in explaining why Whites are better off than other racial groups."

Hartmann said, "Whites recognize White privileges in a lot of individualistic domains but they still think

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Rangel keynotes awards

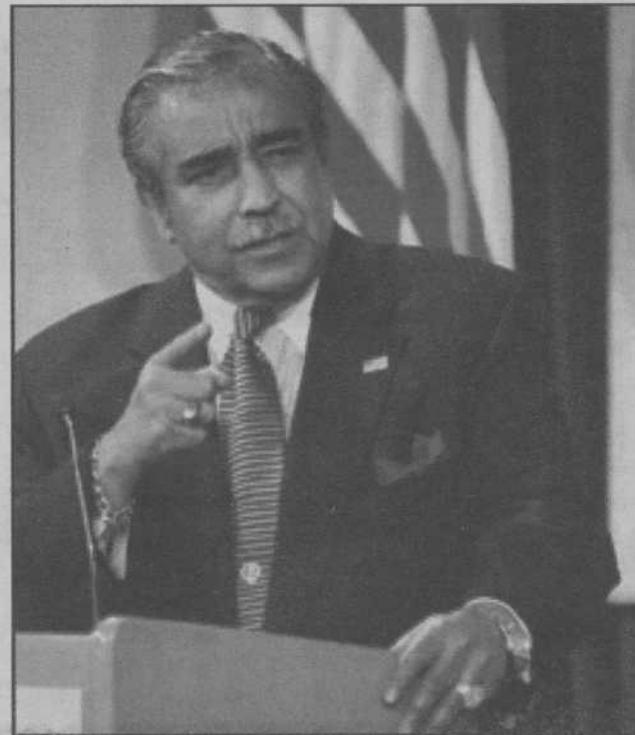
By Debbie Hall
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The Caucus of African American Nevadans will present the second annual CAAN Community Impact Awards on Sunday, October 1, at Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino at 6 p.m. in the Augustus Ballroom at 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

The purpose of CAAN, founded in 2004 as a political caucus for African-Americans in Nevada, is to work to increase educational, economic and social opportunities while preserving the cultural heritage of the minority populations, according to its mission statement.

This year, awards will be presented to Dr. Anthony and Diane Pollard, founders of the Pollard Foundation; School Board Trustee Shirley Barber; Patricia Cunningham, media commentator and talk-show host on KCEP Power 88.1 FM; and Clark County Commissioner Bruce Woodbury.

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New York Congressman Charles Rangel will recognize CAAN Impact Award recipients at their annual banquet.

dent of Priority Staffing, is the honorary host. Local musicians and recording artists Sam Stephenson and Carlton Malone will provide entertainment.

Guest speaker, Congressman Charles Rangel, represents New York's 15th District, and he is the board chair of the Democratic Congress-

sional Campaign. As Deputy Democratic Whip of the House of Representatives, Rangel is considered the hopeful to chair the Ways and Means Committee, a powerful position that could potentially have significance for the Black community.

CAAN plans to use the opportunity to emphasize the

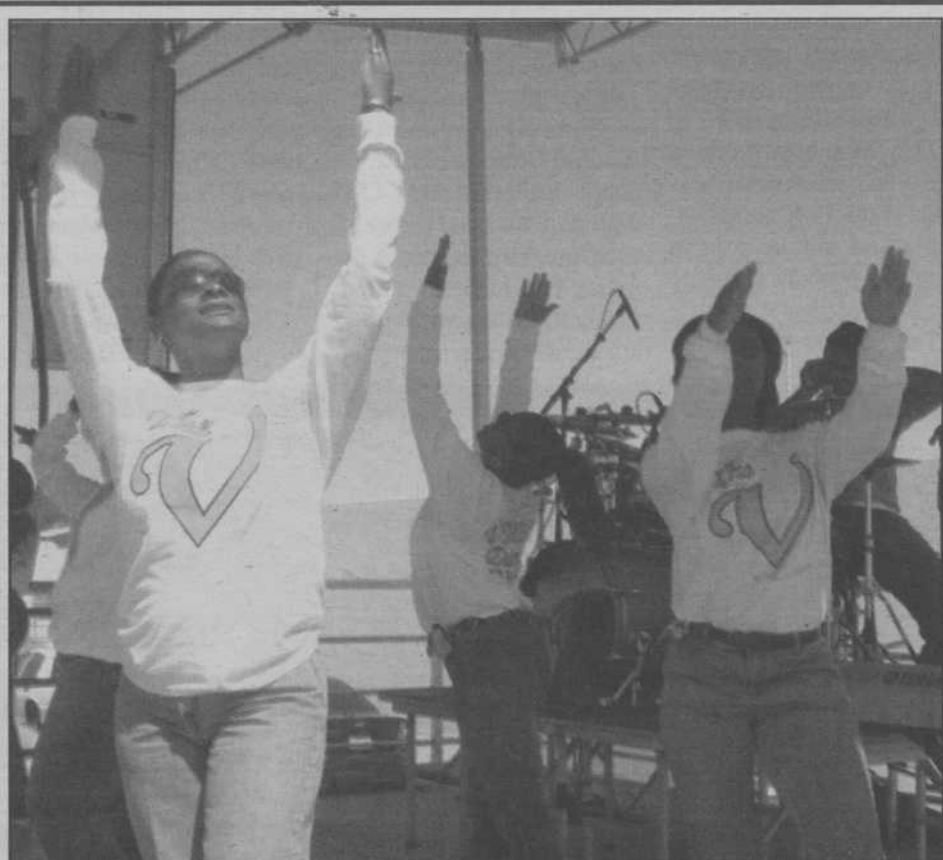
significance of Nevada's newly won early primary for 2008. Cordell Stokes, one of the founding members of CAAN, explained the importance of having the Democratic Presidential Caucus in Nevada.

"Nevada needs to understand what the 2008 president election will mean to them, and CAAN did participate to bring this early Democratic Presidential Caucus. A number of presidential candidates will be coming through this state to begin their campaigns. This will allow Nevadans to hear what these candidates have to say, and decide on which Democratic candidate to support. This is an important opportunity to participate in the political process," Stokes explained.

Rangel is expected to speak on the subject.

Stokes continued, "I urge people to come out. There was adversity, and many around the county didn't want Nevada to get this early caucus. We [Nevada] are

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MOVEMENTS OF PRAISE

Members of Victory Missionary Baptist Church's praise dance team perform on Saturday during the "V" Community Jubilee celebration. The celebration took place in front of the West Las Vegas church. (See additional photos Page 9)

Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Museum honors Emmett Till

GLENDORA, MISS.(AP — Photographs that captured a mother's grief and Emmett Till's mutilated body were on display as this tiny Mississippi Delta town opened a museum honoring the slain Black teenager whose death was pivotal in the Civil Rights Movement.

Among the items on display are family snapshots and a picture of Till's mutilated body that stunned the nation after the 14-year-old Chicago boy was brutally murdered in 1955, allegedly in retaliation for whistling at a White woman.

"I want the country to see this moment as an historic event of how far we have come in the Civil Rights Movement and to open people's eyes to the many other injustices that have happened in other places besides the Delta," said Till's cousin, Priscilla Sterling.

The town converted a cotton gin into the Emmett Till Historic Intrepid Center, which includes oral histories, an audio-visual

archive and a cotton gin fan like the one used to weigh down Till's body after it was dumped in the Tallahatchie River.

Two White men were acquitted in Till's case by an all-White jury. The two men later confessed in an interview with *Look* magazine.

The FBI reopened the case in 2004 but decided in March not to press charges. The case was turned over to District Attorney Joyce Chiles for possible state charges. She did not return a call seeking comment.

The boy's case has never been forgotten in more than half a century. The National Conference of Black Mayors commissioned the Till center as a model of revitalization for other small towns.

The museum also has a space dedicated to Glendora native and legendary blues harmonica player Sonny Boy Williamson.

A technological center will be opened at the site in a collaboration with Mississippi Valley State University.