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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Moulin Rouge passes city muster

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They came, they saw, they got the City Council to approve their project once again. Backers and investors in a plan to build a \$700 mil-

lion mixed-use project with casino, hotel, convention and retail space came to City Hall on Wednesday and did their best to sell everyone in attendance on the validity of their

project. They get an "A" for effort.

They should be excited, particularly if the massive, three-phase project gets built. The first phase will bring

770,000 square feet of hotel, casino and parking space to include a 700-room, 27-story hotel tower, 30,000-square foot gaming floor and 28,000 square feet of convention

space. Other first-phase projects include a 26,000-square foot pool with a poolside sports book, a 10,000-square foot lounge, 1,200-seat concert venue, 600-seat jazz center, 60,000 square feet of temporary convention space and more than 50,000 square feet of supporting retail and spa facilities.

The final two phases — phase three is optional — call for a 40-story tower with 1,000 rooms, 100,000 square

feet of conventional space and parking additional gaming and retail space, along with new restaurant and entertainment venues, along with a 500-unit, mixed-use 25- to 30-story high rise with podium-level retail spaces.

With clearance, now the proprietors can focus on raising the necessary capital to build the new project. Backers say the property will create 1,000 new jobs, many of which will be held by nearby residents.



Moulin Rouge Development Corporation representatives Chauncey Moore, Chief Operation Officer, left; Rod Bickerstaff, General Council, center; Dale Scott, President and CEO, second from right, along with architect Edward Vance, second from left, and Michael Van Every, Senior Vice President of Republic Urban Properties LLC, appeared before the Las Vegas City Council on Wednesday. The Council by unanimous vote approved the go-ahead to the ambitious project.

Clyburn: Treat Obama fairly or else

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — House Democratic Whip Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., the highest ranking Black member of Congress, is warning on the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. that perceived unfairness toward U.S. Sen. Barack Obama in the electoral process could cause a relapse back to voter apathy.

"If we were to fail to nominate Barack at the end of this process and he's still leading in delegates, then we've got a serious problem that will affect the participation of Black people in a big way for the next 40 years," said Clyburn, who has staunchly declined to publicly endorse either Obama or Sen. Hillary Clinton in order

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to avoid conflicts in his whip job to unite Democrats behind legislation.

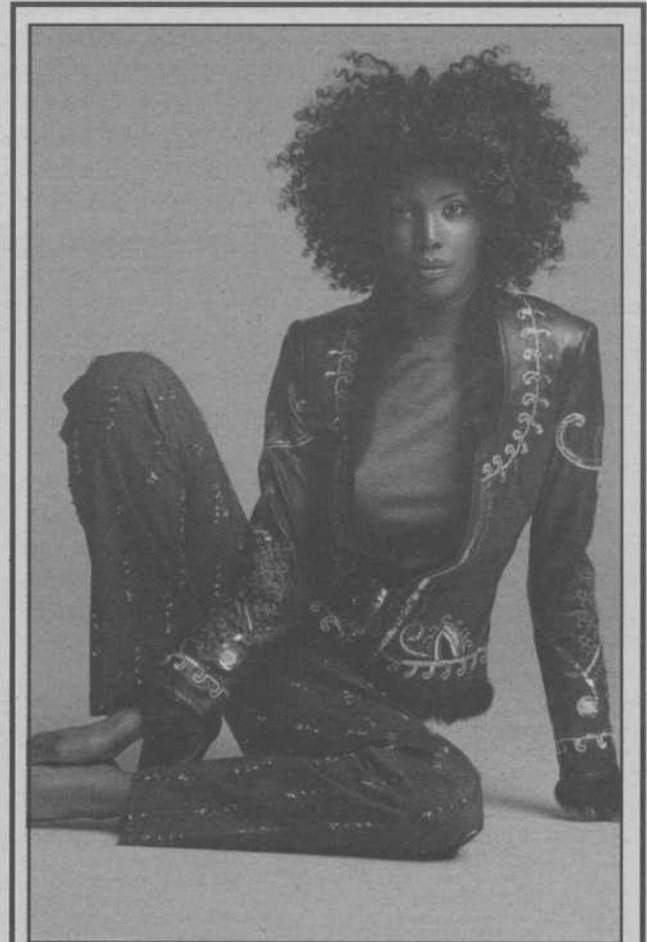
In an interview with the NNPA News Service, Clyburn illustrated as an example the mood of the country in 1968 when King and Sen. Bobby Kennedy were assassinated only months apart and five years after the

assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963. "You have to ask yourself what was going on in the country at the same time as the King assassination. King was assassinated around the same time as Bobby Kennedy and just [five] years after John F. Kennedy, he said. "Those three assassina-

tions launched and thrust us into a real [state of apathy] that we all of a sudden seem to be coming out of at this point in time. If something were to short-circuit that and people think it was unfair, we could collapse right back into that."

Americans around the nation this week are commemorating the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. amidst the contentious Democratic Primary that has inspired a groundswell of activism not seen since before King's death on April 4, 1968. The Nobel Peace Prize winner was a champion for voting rights and civil rights.

Clyburn's concerns appear to reflect those of the (See Voter, Page 4)



FASHION STATEMENT

It's back! The Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority will serve as local host for the 50th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair on Sun., April 7, at the Texas Station, 2101 Texas Star Lane. Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$60. The ladies of Gamma Phi Delta invite the community to come out and view the latest in American and European fashion and design. Proceeds from the event will benefit KCEP FM 88.1. Included in the ticket price is a one-year subscription to Ebony magazine or a six-month subscription to Jet magazine. Paid attendees will also have a chance to win a 2008 Ford Edge, round-trip airfare for two to any U.S. destination served by American Airlines or American Eagle and other prizes. For tickets and more information on the fair, call Irene Parker at (702) 642-8940, Ida Gaines at (702) 362-8940 or Carlean LeFear at (702) 643-0357 or log on to ebonyfashionfair.com