



*Telling It
As It Is
by Jimmy Gay*

Hello there! Did you have a happy Easter? I do hope so. Here's wishing a happy belated one to you.

Well, this week had its good and bad moments for yours truly. Whenever the week starts off bad, it's really hard to readjust and get back in the swing of things - and that's exactly what happened; I didn't get back in shape.

The death of my very dear friend, Brother Sam Richardson took everything out of me. Just to think it was only a short few months ago that this man was visiting me daily in Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital; and even after I had gone home to convalesce, he came to visit me for three months. Would you believe that the 26 days I was in the hospital, Deacon Richardson visited me 29 times (this means he came to see me twice on three different days). This is almost unheard of for a man as busy as Sam to take that kind of time to not only visit yours truly but many others confined to either the hospital or their homes. He was the most dedicated man to his family, the church, the community, and, of course, his friends. Believe me, BABY, when I tell you we have lost a true friend. Second Baptist has lost a fine deacon and the community has lost one of the hardest working, dedicated citizens in our midst today who will be extremely hard to replace. We all loved Brother Sam, but God loved him best. May his soul rest in peace.

Now, on the brighter side of things! Did you make the scene at the Ebony Fashion Fair at the Aladdin Hotel on Sunday evening? Well, I do hope you did! For if you didn't, you missed the social event of the year. It was the biggest and the most fabulous of any previous like events. The models were fantastic, better trained, with more poise and personality and much prettier than ever before. And for the male models, they were extremely good and they really drew the oohs and aahs when they displayed the new line of bikini swim wear. The fashions were magnificent, even more so than ever before and from designers all over the world. And believe me when I tell you that the commentator was completely out of sight. I would like to remind you that there were some 1800-2000 in attendance and when I tell you that most of them looked as if they were in the show themselves, please believe me. (The threads were heavy, BABY, believe me the threads were heavy.) The highlight of the whole affair was the announcement and appearance of a creation designed by a 16 year old young man from the Virgin Islands (you'd have to know he's Black; you'd have to know he's Black coming from the Virgin Islands). Another plus adding to the marvelous atmosphere was the unique way the ladies of Gamma Phi Delta introduced each other by telling what each had done, as they appeared, to make this year's event a success. Please believe me, when I tell you, this is an unusual group of women who are really making their presence felt in this community. Did you know the proceeds from this year's fashion show will be contributed to the one and only organization that has done so much for so many Blacks in this country that it would take the rest of our lifetime to really tell the story. Yes, you guessed it, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be the deserving recipient of these funds. I'm so happy that these ladies realize this and are really doing something about it in more than one way. They realize that just a short 10-12 years ago this could not have happened for the Black citizens of this community at such a plush hotel if it had not been for NAACP. Wouldn't it be nice if we had 1800-2000 paid up members in NAACP? We would not have to take our fight to the courts to get our problems solved. Think about it, please think about it.

You know, every week it seems that yours

truly runs into more and more Black VIPs who have not been introduced to our community. This week was no exception. It was at the Ebony Fashion Fair that I had the distinct pleasure of meeting a Dr. Leverage Green who is the head man in the Flight Surgeons' headquarters, holding the rank of captain, at Nellis Air Force Base. Did you know that the good doctor has been in our city for more than three years and did you know that he has only met Dr. Bulwer and Dr. Ice? This is unbelievable. (And girls, did you know he's single and unattached?) But Doctor, why haven't you taken the time out of the 36 second Sundays in each month to attend at least one NAACP meeting? If you had done that we would not have had to look around and find someone of the Gamma Phi Delta ladies that was unescorted to invite you to the party after the Fashion Fair. Let's get with it, Doctor, you're still one of us even with your status in life.

Say, I thought it was awfully big of attorney Jim Porter to admit to yours truly that I shook him up a little bit when I mentioned his appointment and all organizations he is a member of and the paper did not mention his being a member of NAACP. He had to admit that he was unaware at this time whether or not he was a member in good standing. Jim, I'll have to take off my hat to you. You're still with us. To you and you and you, be very careful what you do or say, because yours truly will be all ears and eyes and will only tell it like it is, BABY.

See you next week, same time, same place. Read the VOICE for all the happenings.

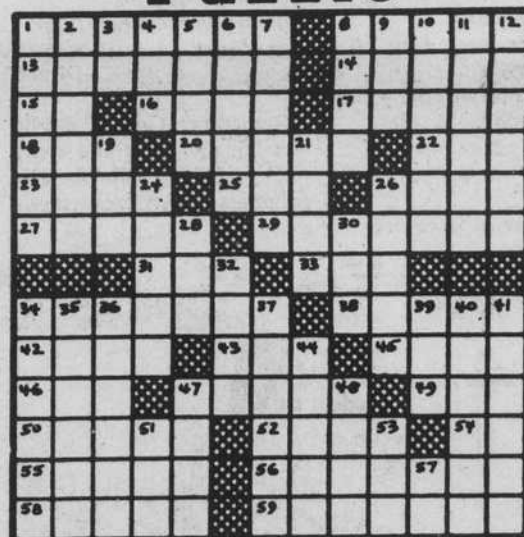


*Around Town
with Ed Brown*

The Entertainment Capitol of the World gets a special treat through April 17 as the award-winning GLADYS KNIGHT and the PIPS along with FRANK GORSHIN are now appearing in the BAGDAD SHOWROOM at the ALADDIN HOTEL with two shows nightly at 8:00 p.m. and midnite . . . AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S CYCLETHON will be held on Saturday, April 8 starting at 9:00 a.m. LAS VEGAS REACT team will provide the communications throughout the route along with assistance at each of the checkpoints. Four check points will mark the trail with one at KENO Radio near Tropicana and Decatur; McDONALDS at East Charleston near Montgomery Wards and McDONALDS at Tropicana and Topaz. Many valuable prizes are offered to the participants . . . BIKE SAFETY DAY is set by the LAS VEGAS OPTIMIST CLUB on Saturday, April 15 at the HELEN C. CANNON JR. HIGH SCHOOL starting at 10:00 a.m. All bicycles entered will be thoroughly inspected and placed through interesting obstacle courses with prizes going to the skillful drivers and safest bikes . . . A benefit to raise funds for the concert tour of the award-winning UNLV JAZZ ENSEMBLE will feature THAD JONES/MEL LEWIS ORCHESTRA on April 9 at UNLV's ARTEMUS HAM HALL at 8:15 P.M. Also featured in the concert will be the MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY and UNLV's JAZZ ENSEMBLES. Tickets are on sale at Odyssey Records, UNLV Music Department (739-3332) and the LAS VEGAS JAZZ SOCIETY headquarters (734-8556). The tickets will be tax deductible . . . The local chapter of the NAACP is in the process of holding their 1978 membership drive. Those interested in the organization are asked to call 648-2880 or stop by the office at 1040 West Owens . . . Assemblyman LONIE CHANEY, D-Las Vegas, recently stated that the NAACP and the NEVADA EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION may intervene in the case which saw BEA FRANKLIN demoted from the post of state Women's Prison superintendent. CHANEY, a director of the NAACP chapter here said that Mrs. Franklin thinks that criticism by the legislative committee studying prison conditions may have led to her demotion in early March . . . The Marion Bennett Youth Program is accepting applications for the second cycle of its Youth Employment Training Program . . . DR. LONNIE SISSON, local optometrist, has been nominated for the position of director with the American Society of Planning Officials . . . ALADDIN HOTEL's fight cards for April 7 with MIKE QUARRY and MIKE SPINKS and the April 29 match of JOE FRAZIER and South African KALLIE KNOETZE are postponed. Quarry was knocked out recently in San Diego plus Spinks has stopped training for at least a month while Frazier's comeback fight is hindered by a bout of "Russian Flu". Frazier's fight is reset for May 14 . . . That's it for this week . . . listen to my daily program on KVOV Radio at 3:20 p.m.

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**Crossword
Puzzle**



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| ACROSS | 49. Shade tree | 30. Intersected |
| 1. Newspapers | 50. Muddle | 32. State |
| 8. Packs down | 52. Lamb's pen name | 34. Collision |
| 13. Experience | 54. Be | 35. Dough strip |
| 14. Body organ | 55. Wedge | 36. Soggy |
| 15. Printer's measure | 56. Alleyway | 37. Naps |
| 16. Female | 58. Taut | 39. Exist |
| 17. Mistake | 59. King's wand | 40. Fodder |
| 18. Bird's beak | DOWN | 41. Banging tool |
| 20. Number | 1. Chaperon | 44. Flower |
| 22. Single | 2. Toughen by heat | 47. French "head" |
| 23. Part of a toe | 3. Ego | 48. Get up |
| 25. Number | 4. Limb | 51. - Vegas |
| 26. Babies | 5. Flower | 53. Snake |
| 27. Place of worship | 6. Heron | 57. Particle |
| 29. Masquerade costumes | 7. Found the answer | |
| 31. Thee | 8. At that time | |
| 33. Ocean | 9. Prefix: gas | |
| 34. Bugs | 10. Color | |
| 38. Rubbish | 11. Quickly: slang | |
| 42. Moroccan native | 12. Emphasis | |
| 43. Total | 19. Small piece | ANSWERS! |
| 45. Opera solo | 21. Seth's son | ON PAGE |
| 46. Seed vessel | 24. Stratum | 16 |
| 47. Belonging to them | 26. Coronet | |
| | 28. Mythical bird | |



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