

*Telling It
As It Is
by Jimmy Gay*

And then came Sunday - that was a big one, baby. Not as big as yours truly would like to have seen it, BUT they were there, BABY in wheel chairs, on crutches. Yes, they were there from all walks of life. Because they were not hanging from the rafters we're going to say the weatherman was a little unkind. The day was dark and dreary, and there were a few intermittent showers from time to time, but we will settle for the ones that showed up. And believe me we are proud of you.

As I promised you last week, I would give you a blow by blow description of the happenings on Sunday, and of course, there were some who did not show up that yours truly feels should have been there: LIKE -- Rev. Kline; Rev. Addison; Rev. Logan; Rev. Hall; and -- Rev. Wilson, -- but at least Rev. Wilson and Rev. Thompson committed themselves prior to Sunday that they would be out of town. I do hope others, as well as, Dr. West; Dr. Rogers; Dr. Creer; Dr. Bulware; Dr. Nealen; Attorney White; Attorney Keller; and Attorney Achie had good excuse for not being there -- and where on earth was Prof. Goins? There were others too -- you know who you are -- where were you???

Mr. Jesse Scott did a superb job as M.C. (and boy was he sharp!) To start things off the pledge of allegiance was lead by the E.O.B sponsored - Boy Scout Troup #988. A prayer by the Rev. Robert Ellis, Assistant Pastor of the True Love Baptist Church, really put us in the spiritual realm of things. And then a rendition of the Lord's Prayer by Professor Anthony Thomas was "solo estradinaire." -- Mrs. Sarann Knight read the proclamations proclaiming NAACP Week by Mayors Bill Braire of Las Vegas, and Mayor Ray Danes of North Las Vegas and as usual she was excellence personified. Then a beautiful spiritual was rendered by the very popular Federation of Choirs of Las Vegas conducted by Professor Anthony Thomas which was most soothing and put us in the spirit of things.

Mrs. Lubertha Johnson did a magnificent job in giving the purpose of the Rally.

Then comes Yours Truly WHO REALLY BLEW IT BABY - I was supposed to have introduced all of the VIP's, but there was a little turn-around in the program and many of the VIP's introduced themselves. For some unknown reason Yours Truly failed to mention someone who felt that they were VIP, and they did not fail to let me know about it through sources of the grapevine. I tried to make it very clear at the offset that every person who walked through those doors were VIPS, and if you know Jimmy Gay, you know that he meant it. I would like to make a public apology to all of those who felt that I neglected them. Don't take it out on NAACP, keep coming, we need you. Blame it on me, I have broad shoulders. And have been taking it for a long time.

At this juncture, Mr. Scott called on Bishop E. N. Weeb of the Church of God in Christ and on Mr. Woodrow Wilson, former State Legislator, to do what we went there for -- to get the money baby, to get the money - they got it. Mr. Scott first asked for the \$2500 donors, and for those of you who were not there, we got it! Mrs. Sarann Knight, baclus of Afro Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority presented a check for \$2500 to our local branch. Wasn't that out-of-sight? You know it baby. Thanks to a great group of ladies, they are really making themselves known in this community. Now Mr. Scott asked for the \$1000 donors, and say do you know who came through?? The Bishop himself. Oh Boy that's great, because when Yours

Truly asks for the life members to stand up, the good Bishop was not in that number (Laugh). I would just like to say that Yours Truly has been a life member for more years than I would like to remember. Then Mr. Wilson pledged another \$500 to the previous \$500 life membership which he already holds that would entitle him to be the first Las Vegas to become a Golden Heritage Member. Congratulations Woody! Ah but it was nice to see people like Mr. J. Elliott of Pat Clark Pontiac, Mr. Leonard Mason of Mason Construction Co., Mrs. Calhoun of the Calhoun Contractors and many others whose names will be published in the VOICE Newspaper in the very near future. Watch for your name there TOO.

Bob Bailey, as usual, was outstanding in letting us know how important Voter Registration is to West Las Vegas.

To climax a most successful NAACP Week in Las Vegas, Mrs. Tera Pittman, our National Representative, was introduced by our Branch President, Dr. James McMillan, and believe me, BABY, she really stirred the eagles' nest. Now this is a sermon preached by Black Southern preachers (as their masterpiece) AND SHE REALLY TOLD IT LIKE IT IS). She began her speech with her heritage and roots, her work with the NAACP down through the years, and how the first Las Vegas chapter was started. She described all the many presidents we have had over the many years, the achievements the branch has made in the field of Civil Rights, and climaxed her speech with the words of the late James Weldon Johnson's song "Lift every Voice and Sing." "She is the Greatest." Hurry back Tera, we love you madly. The rally was closed with the singing of "The Negro National Anthem" by the congregation.

This week has proven how strong we can be together. THINK TOGETHERNESS IN 78. See you next week same time, same place. Read the VOICE for better understanding.



BRENDIA C. CROSBY

Mrs. Brenda C. Crosby will receive a Masters of Education in Foundations & Counseling from UNLV on Saturday May 20, 1978. Mrs. Crosby is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, formerly A.M. & N. College. Mrs. Crosby is presently teaching Business and typing at Clark High School. She has been in the Clark County School District system for six years. She is married to Albert L. Crosby, a graduate of Las Vegas High School and also A.M. & N. College.

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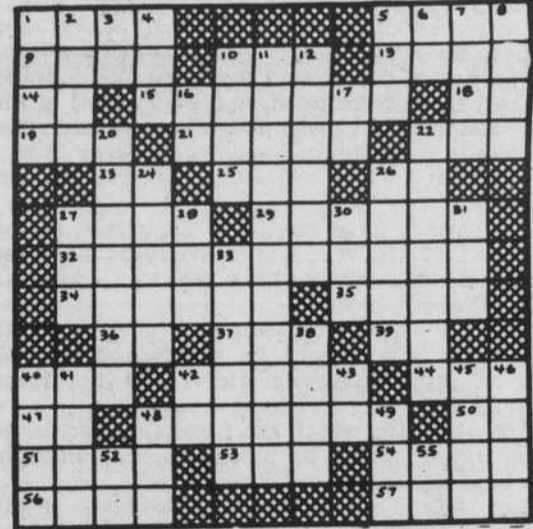
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Puzzle**



- ACROSS**
- 1. Genuine
 - 5. Insect
 - 9. Italian river
 - 10. Top card
 - 13. Turkish title
 - 14. College degree
 - 15. Pasts
 - 18. Behold!
 - 19. Greek letter
 - 21. Cluster
 - 22. Republican Party
 - 23. Musical note
 - 25. Greek letter
 - 26. State: abbr.
 - 27. - Mater
 - 29. Holy Roman -
 - 32. Eating utensils
 - 34. Good luck piece
 - 35. Sheltered side
 - 36. That is: Latin
 - 37. Knock
 - 39. In
 - 40. Not sweet
 - 42. Holy Book
 - 44. Weep
 - 47. Exclamation
 - 48. Voting papers
 - 50. Man's nickname
 - 51. Continent
 - 53. Evergreen
 - 54. Inward
 - 56. Contradict
 - 57. Mail
 - 22. Gems
 - 24. Saturate
 - 26. Musical instrument
 - 27. Sweetsop
 - 28. Every
 - 30. Grass genus
 - 31. Compass point
 - 33. Weirdly
 - 38. Farm machine
 - 40. Herring
 - 41. Comfort
 - 42. College degree
 - 43. French "and"
 - 45. Cereal seeds
 - 46. Ink stain
 - 48. Reddish-brown
 - 49. Drink slowly
 - 52. Within
 - 55. Negative
- DOWN**
- 1. Slope
 - 2. Time periods
 - 3. One
 - 4. Cut off
 - 5. Used to be
 - 6. Exist
 - 7. Farm tower
 - 8. Support
 - 10. Chills and fever
 - 11. Disputable
 - 12. Lodge in tents
 - 16. Ytterbium: chem.
 - 17. Interrogative
 - 20. Of Islam
- ANSWERS
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