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## ... for not representing black community

It was a packed agenda Tuesday night during the general meeting of the local chapter of the NAACP.

The NAACP voted to launch a recall election against Las Vegas City Commissioner Roy Woofter "for lack of representation" of the black com- recall was developed munity.

The petition drive, headed by state Sen. Joe Neal, D-Las Vegas, will be made to obtain the

necessary number of over the distribution of board of the city of Las signatures to support the funds. Their complaint Vegas instead of Woofter. membership recall. Sen. Neal made centered on Woofter "He doesn't represent the motion for the action. 10 percent of the people who voted in the last election (a total of 500) will be required to get the recall off the ground.

The impetus for the when the black community became involved dicated that they were in a heated controversy with the Comprehensive Employment Training Act Ron Lurie sits -on the

failing to volunteer any the black community, so aid to the target com- why should he (Lurie) munity in trying to settle care what happens to the the dispute, according to Dr. James McMillan president of the local NAACP chapter.

Those attending indisenchanted with the fact that Commissioner

said money," one NAACP member.

The community was angered last week when that board, allegedly influenced by Clark County Commissioner Manny Cortez, took money from black programs and

Neal said Woofter had not made a visit to the black community since

he was elected in 1978. McMillan said that County Commissioner Sam Bowler, who also represents the area,'

"Was awful silent" about the CETA situation. He indicated that any recall consideration would not be acted on at this time as Bowler was elected atlarge.

Alice Key, executive director of the local chapter said that the NAACP would ask the San Francisco office of the Department of Labor, the funding agency for CETA, to investigate the distribution of CETA funding in Southern Nevada, and to get more blacks on the advisory boards.

## **Beloved 'Mother Burdene' Succumbs**

Services for Mrs. Mary M. Burdene, long time Las Vegas resident, were conducted Thursday May 22, at 2:00 p.m. at Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ, 1117 No. "F" Street, Las Vegas.

Mrs. Burdene, was born

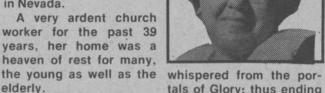
Birmingham, Alabama. She moved to Las Vegas with her late husband, Edgar, in 1933. At this time she was the only black cosmologist in Las Vegas.

Mother Burdene, as she elderly. was called by all, was the

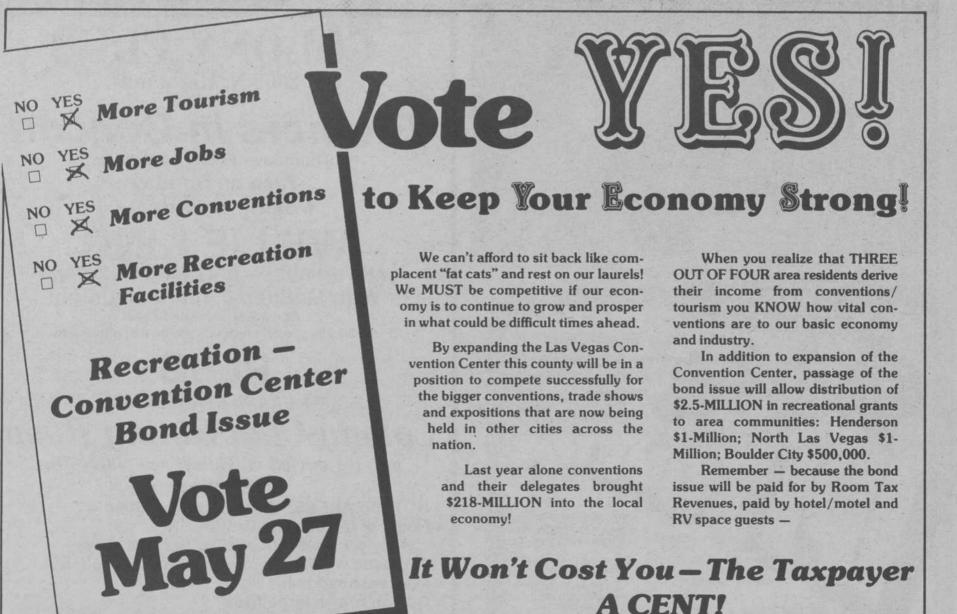
Church of God In Christ, in Nevada.

A very ardent church worker for the past 39 years, her home was a heaven of rest for many,

December 27, 1898, in oldest member of the 4:40 a.m., her name was eternal rest.



tals of Glory; thus ending On Saturday, May 17, at this life, she entered into



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