

Church

THE SENTINEL SALUTES THE CHURCHES

RENOWNED HAWKINS FAMILY TO APPEAR AT UNLV HAM HALL

On Sunday, June 6, Las Vegas will be blessed with the joyous music of one of the nation's leading gospel groups, when the world famous Hawkins Family, featuring Walter Hawkins, appears in the Artemus Ham Concert Hall on the Campus of UNLV.

Edwin, one of eight musically gifted children, began playing the piano and singing gospel music with his sisters, Carol and Fiedle and his brother, Marava at the age of eight. They performed at the Good Samaritan Church of God and Christ in Oakland, California. Brother Walter joined the group later on.

But things really began to open up for the

Church of God in Christ and made recording his-

known as the Edwin Hawkins Singers, turn-

York's Madison Square Garden and Caesars Palace here in Las Vegas. Edwin has received three Grammy Awards.

Walter Hawkins made his recording debut as a shy youth of 19 at the Ephesian Church of God in Christ in Berkeley singing anonymously in his brother Edwin's choir. After touring and recording with the Edwin Hawkins Singers for several years, he stepped out on his own, entered the ministry and in 1973 founded his own church, The Love Center, in Oakland. Two years later he returned to Ephesian Church with his own dynamic

Love Center Choir and recorded their first live album, "Goin' Up Yonder," which, after a lukewarm reception, was released later in 1975 by Light Records. It then became one of the biggest selling gospel albums of the decade, establishing Walter Hawkins and the Love Center Choir as a major force in today's gospel music.

The Love Center Choir has grown from 20 to 45 voices and has garnered much acclaim, including two Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association, awards from Billboard, Record World and Cash See HAWKINS, Page 15



Hawkins Singers

Hawkins Family when, in 1968, Edwin organized the Northern California State Youth Choir at Berkeley's Ephesian

tory with his million-selling gospel song, "Oh Happy Day." Following that success, he and the choir, which became

ed professional and toured Europe regularly for the next five years. They also appeared in such places as New

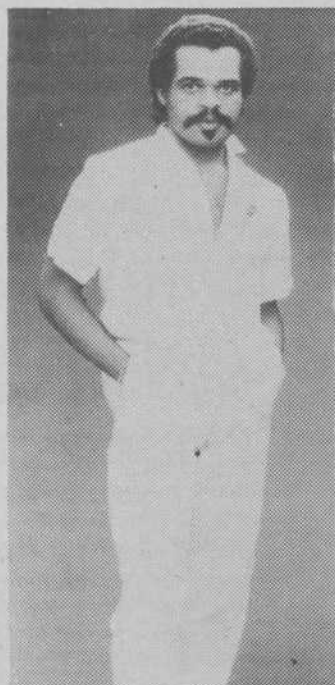
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THE HAWKINS FAMILY

ARTEMUS HAM HALL — UNLV CAMPUS

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 4 P.M.



WALTER HAWKINS

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All Seats — \$10.00

RECENT SURVEY SHOWS BLACKS MORE RELIGIOUS

A recent survey conducted by the Gallop organization for the Roman Catholic Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, showed blacks as the most religious subgroup in the United States.

The survey, one of the most extensive ever undertaken, looked at a host of different issues including attitudes toward patriotism and religiosity and examined values not only in the United States, but in Europe and Japan as well. In the United States, more than 2000 people were interviewed and special subsamples of blacks, hispanics and young peo-

ple were taken.

When asked religious questions, blacks consistently scored higher than the other subgroups and generally higher than the U.S. average.

87 percent of the blacks said that, independently of whether or not they went to church, they considered themselves religious persons, compared to 73 percent of the young people and 81 percent for both the hispanics and the general public.

None of the blacks said they were atheists and only 11 percent of them said they were not religious, while 22 percent of the young peo-

ple said they were not religious and 2 percent said they were atheists. 16 percent of both the hispanics and the general population said they were not religious and 1 percent of both groups said they were atheists.

97 percent of both the blacks and the hispanics expressed belief in God, compared with 94 percent of the young people and 95 percent of the general population.

While all groups fell off sharply when asked if they believed in life after death, still 71 percent of blacks and the general public professed that they did believe in life in the hereafter, while 69 percent of the young people affirmed this belief and only 68 percent of the hispanics said they held this belief.

The numbers climbed again when the participants were asked if they believed in a soul. 91 percent of the blacks said yes, while only 88 percent of the young people said yes. See Religious, Page 11

ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH RESUMES SERVICES

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church will conduct its services in the Cheyenne Shopping Center, 2224 Cheyenne Ave., beginning the first Sunday in June.

Morning worship begins promptly at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Every Sunday night will be economic development night at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church.

For further information call Albert L. Dunn, Minister, at 646-0482 or 649-4341.