

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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Unity Without Uniformity

God has not anointed me to be a prophet — one having the ability to foretell what is going to happen in the future — however there does appear to be a glimmer of hope of togetherness developing in the Black community of greater Las Vegas.

An enumeration of all the incidents giving rise to this conclusion are too numerous to list in this column, however I will name a few just to justify my opinion.

First, we had a meeting of Clark County School Trustees called by our own Trustee Yvonne Atkinson in Heritage Hall to talk about education or the lack of it for Black children in Clark County. The Black parents responded.

Secondly, we had another community meeting in Heritage Hall called by Commissioner William Pearson on crime and gang activity in the Black community. The parents, community and the police agreed to work together.

Thirdly, there was the Barbara Jordan Women Caucus luncheon held at the

Desert Inn Hotel Country Club where California speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown was the Principal Speaker. This group of women were organized to perpetuate the name, honor and charismatic spirit of former Congressman Barbara Jordan of Texas.

Fourthly, there was the Las Vegas Branch NAACP Life Membership Recognition and Freedom Fund Banquet held at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Tony Brown of Tony Brown Journal made a dynamic speech challenging Blacks to spend 100 billion of their 200 billion dollars annual buying power with Blacks and the other 100 billion with whites.

Fifthly, and finally, in the Heritage Hall there was the Nevada Black Chamber Installation Banquet with Congressman Barbara Vucanovich as speaker.

At the Barbara Jordan luncheon, Alice Key reminded the audience the NAACP made it possible for them to be in the Desert Inn and don't forget it.

Bob Bailey, the outgoing president of the Black Chamber told the Blacks

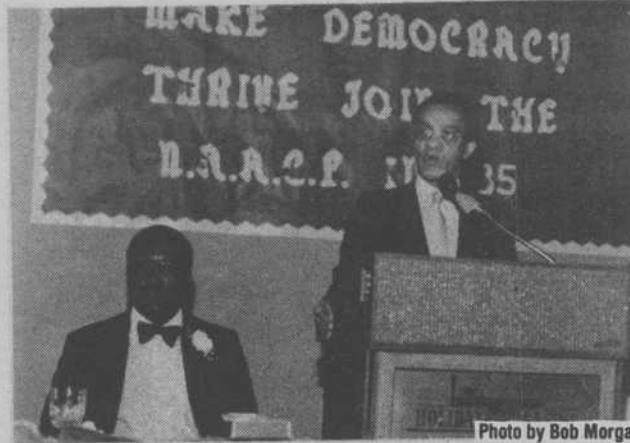


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Tony Brown, host of the famed Tony Brown Journal telecasts seen regularly around the country, was the guest speaker at the Las Vegas chapter, NAACP Life Membership and Freedom Fund banquet held on Oct. 19 at the Holiday Casino, center strip. Shown above, left, is the local chapter president, Jesse D. Scott and Tony Brown.

present that one hundred dollars per year is a small amount to donate to the NAACP and they should be ashamed of themselves to complain about it. Afterwards, the new Black Chamber president Lonie Chaney said the entire Black community should support the NAACP and its president.

That's what I call unity without uniformity. Each organization maintaining its own autonomy but willing to work together on issues where there is mutual interest to be served.

Remember, you can attend the 1986 NAACP Banquet, Oct. 4, 1986 by putting on deposit with the NAACP 10, 20, 25 or 50 dollars per

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Community, private agencies meeting the challenge of feeding needed despite growth

Las Vegas private agencies that serve hot meals or food boxes to the poor have experienced a substantial increase in the number of hungry people using their services in the past several years — a trend that follows a national pattern.

Overall population growth in the Las Vegas area and cutbacks in federal food stamp programs are the main reasons cited for this increase, according to interviews with officials of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, St. Vincent Dining Room, the Salvation Army and the Community Food Bank.

The Las Vegas Rescue Mission, for example, served 89,000 meals in 1982. The agency served 227,000 meals in 1984. The mission's assistant director, David Blacksmith, said this year he expects the agency to serve from 230,000 to 240,000 meals.

"Cutbacks in federal food stamps put a pinch on everybody," Blacksmith said. "Some people who were cut off food stamps may be turning to private

agencies for help. That has something to do with it, but that's not the whole reason.

The Salvation Army now serves about 300 meals a day, Holland said. At the same time last year it served about 220 meals a day.

Just this month St. Vincent, an agency of Catholic Community Services, opened a new facility with increased seating capacity in its dining room. The agency now serves 340 hot lunches a day, said manager Sam Fanciullo. This time last year it served 270 lunches a day.

The Community Food Bank, which gives out boxes of packaged food, now serves from 50 to 65 families a day, said director Bessie Braggs. Less than six months ago it was serving from 15 to 20 families a day.

"We need more food," she said. "Pork and beans is all we have left."

Non-governmental emergency feeding operations throughout the country are serving an ever-growing number of hungry Americans.

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Three Southern Desert Correctional Center guards fired for negligence

Three guards at the Southern Desert Correctional Center have been fired for "extreme negligence" in the escape of three inmates there last month, a prison spokesman said Monday.

State Prison Director George Sumner approved the recommendations of the facility's employee discipline board Friday and issued a letter informing the guards of their dismissal, Associate Warden Gary True said. The letter was sent to the prison guards Monday, True said.

True refused to release the names of the guards. He said the names might be disclosed after the guards have been given the

opportunity to appeal their dismissals.

Additionally, Sumner imposed a five-day suspension on a lieutenant who was on duty when the convicts escaped. The lieutenant's name was not released.

The disciplinary action follows the escape last month of three prisoners, Michael Bass, William Clark and Charles Mullen escaped Sept. 15 after climbing out of the prison's gameroom window. According to reports, the trio apparently slipped by a sleeping guard before climbing two wire fences and fleeing to the desert.

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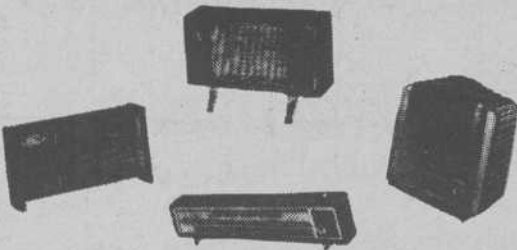
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