

# Church

## THOMPSON

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newspaper covering religious issues. The newspaper folded four years later, but Thompson now has his sights on something bigger.

"I'm writing a book called 'How to Cope with Discrimination and Fears,'" Thompson said. "This isn't something that just black people come across. White folks face obstacles too."

Thompson has seen more than his share of disadvantaged people through the years. These kinds of people had such an impact on him that in 1983, he founded the Martin Luther King Hall at 563 Vine St. — a temporary shelter for the less fortunate.

"Generally, the applicants stay about three months and are exposed to Christian education and discussion groups as well as educational programs in the basics of electricity, carpentry and plumbing," Thompson said. "But funding is a big problem. We need money for expansion and maintenance."

"Gene," a shelter resident, said Thompson and his shelter serve a purpose, but neither is perfect.

"We're at (Thompson's) whim, whether we can stay or not. At any time I could come home from work and be told to leave," he said. "I believe he means well but he doesn't have enough backing... we talk of educational goals here, yet I really can't find people to look up to."

The hall houses 15 people and provides food for 508 people each month, but the shelter is in desperate need of attention.

Many bathroom fixtures are unusable; couches, chairs and tables are falling apart; walls are in need of paint while floors are in need of carpet. The reason for such conditions?

"We need more donations from residents," Thompson said. "We have a building permit for expansion but right now we have to turn people away because we have no room."

Thompson said current funding for the shelter comes from private donations, contributions from the Bethel

A.M.E. Church and from Thompson himself, who said he contributes \$1,200 a month.

Those interested in making a donation should call 322-3739.

Thompson said he thinks blacks have gained much respect but he's particularly concerned with the high rate of teenage pregnancy and use of drugs and alcohol among blacks.

What's the answer?

"Community involvement and care. Part of the answer lies in providing these young people with decent jobs," said Thompson, a divorced father of five.

Whatever led him, Thompson's concerns for the disadvantaged took him to many places. The seventh of nine children, Thompson has certainly seen the ghetto, but he came from a stable home in Kansas where his father was a clergyman and his mother a lawyer.

"To make sure we never wanted, my father said we should always have something to sell," Thompson said. "We sold everything from homemade fudge to scrap iron for extra money."

And Thompson's wants weren't overlooked when, at age 13, his father took him to China and the Philippines for three months to see another corner of the world.

"I was excited to see how other people lived," Thompson said.

Ever since, Thompson has nurtured his compassion for people, but doesn't go across the world to find them anymore. Instead, he devotes his career to helping down-and-out area residents.

By Stacey Lambert  
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## Community/Church Club aids students

The Graceful Workers Community Club presented to Donna Osborn, a trade school scholarship recently. Miss Osborn, a mid-term cosmetology student, is attending school in Biloxi, Mississippi, and scheduled to graduate in July this year.

The club, which was founded by members from the New Bethel Baptist Church and the Second Baptist Church more than 16 years ago, has provided financial aid to more than 50 needy community students, and boasts a school completion rate of 89 percent by the scholarship recipients, who are now employed in civil service fields, education, the airline industry, radio, television, building trades, cosmetology, Resort Hotel Industry, and a variety of other career.

Club officers are Jessie L. Windom, president, Rev. Jessie Wesley, chaplain, Doris Johnson, recording secretary, Pearl Robinson, financial secretary, Virgie L.

## Victory Baptist seeks pastor

The Victory Baptist Church of Las Vegas, NV is entering the screening process for candidates to fill the pulpit vacancy. Prospective applicants may submit their resume, history of ministry, outline of pastoral concerns, black and white photo and three references complete with address and telephone numbers to: Victory Baptist Church, P.O. Box 4037, Las Vegas, NV 89106, c/o Deacon Fouston Jordan, Chairman of Deacons. Deadline for submitting applications shall be May 1, 1986.

## Coretta Scott King Honored

Kenneth Hahn, Supervisor, second district, Los Angeles County, Linda Crismond, County Librarian, Wini Jackson, Senior Public Relations Assistant and the staff of the Los Angeles County Public Library, sponsored a tribute to Black History Month honoring Coretta Scott King. Through the courtesy of United Airlines, Mrs. King, son, Dexter and secretary, Dolores Harmon, were flown to Los Angeles and escorted by two United Airlines flight attendants to the podium at the A.C. Bilbrew Library in South-Central Los Angeles. Mrs. King spoke brilliantly to the more than 4,000 guests

Fitzgerald, treasurer, Esther Hughes, sunshine chairperson, and H.P. Fitzgerald, scholarship chairman.

and especially to the 1,000 young people and children about the deeds of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In keeping with the spirit of the day, she addressed parents and teachers asking that they inspire the children by having them read and use libraries. She then addressed the children and encouraged them to achieve and develop into citizens who will work for the betterment of themselves and their fellow man.

Master of Ceremonies, comedian, Byron Allen, along with actress, Esther Rolle, actor, Glynn Turman, singers, Shirley Caesar and Deniece Williams, trumpet player, par-excellence, Dizzy Gillespie and actor/poet, Denzel Washington, were among the program participants.

## Make-A-Wish Foundation To Hold Hobo-Stew

Make-A-Wish Foundation Fund Raising Committee wants to announce a long list of Corporate Co-Sponsors and Gift Donations given for door prizes for the Saturday, March 22 Family Day Hobo-Stew and Dance. The event will be held on the back lot of the Frontier Hotel, in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, from noon to 5 p.m. Donations will be \$3 adults, \$2 children 12 to 5, and all children under 5 are free. There will be dancing, plenty of food, games, clowns and many door prizes to be given away all afternoon. Two live bands will be playing all afternoon. "Bad Boys" from noon to 2:30 p.m., followed by Good Vibrations from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., courtesy of Jack Galardy, Mr. G's Nightclub.

## Community Baptist Church

honoring

## Rev. Sam Roberson Roast



Rev. Sam Roberson

Saturday, April 5, 1986  
7:30 p.m. Dinner Served

Semi-Formal

Location: Zion Methodist Church Dining Room  
2108 North Revere Street, NLV

Donation: \$10.00 - Tax Deductible

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### WEEKLY SERVICE

Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Midday Service -- 11:00 a.m.

Training Union -- 6:00 p.m.

Monday Mission -- 7:00 p.m.

Usher Board -- 1st & 3rd Monday

New Member Class -- Tuesday -- 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Class -- Wednesday -- 7 p.m.

Brotherhood -- Thursday -- 6 p.m.

Saturday -- 3 p.m. -- Teachers Meeting & Easter Program Rehearsal

4 p.m. -- Senior & Junior Choir Rehearsal

EASTER PROGRAM - March 30, 1986

9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.